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Labor and Likud are talking again

By
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JERUSALEM —
Labor and Likud coalition talks are on again, aimed at establishing a broad-based government.

They resumed Sunday morning with a brief get-together between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, foreign minister in the outgoing cabinet.

Also present were Shamir's closest associate, Moshe Arens and Labor's No. 2 man, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Their discussion was described as general. Two separate working teams of both parties were to convene later.

One was to discuss policy guidelines of a new Labor-Likud coalition. The other was to examine the division of cabinet portfolios between the two big parties and the smaller ones likely to be their coalition partners.

Labor and Likud, whose 1984 unity government has continued in power as a caretaker regime since the new Knesset was elected Nov. 1, are resuming negotiations that Labor broke off two weeks ago.

Since then, Shamir has been working overtime to put together a Likud-led government with the ultra-Orthodox and far right-wing parties.

But he was unable to wrap one up before Labor's 1,300-member central committee voted decisively last week to seek a broad coalition with Likud.

Though both parties are trying to form a unity government for the good of the country, there is no assurance of success at this point. Labor has laid down three conditions:

- It insists that the three far right-wing parties — Tehiya, Tsomet and Moledet — be excluded from the new government.
- It demands the right of its Knesset members to vote their conscience, free of coalition discipline, if the divisive Who Is a Jew amendment reaches the Knesset floor.
- Finally, Labor opposes elements in the agreements Likud has already signed with the ultra-Orthodox parties.

The problem on the far right stems from Tehiya, since the two smaller right-ist parties are expected to bow out of the coalition voluntarily.

But Likud signed an agreement with Tehiya pledging to establish 40 new Jewish settlements in the administered territories over the next four years.

Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman said if Labor balked, "that is Labor's problem." He seemed to imply that Tehiya would remain in a broad coalition and hold Likud to its promise.

Labor had hoped Tehiya would withdraw rather than sit in a government with Labor, which opposes commitments to massive settlement programs in the administered territories.

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Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress (centre, back row) addressed the prestigious Canadian Club in Toronto last week. Among the head table guests at the luncheon meeting were (from left, back row) former Ontario Premier Bill Davis and Rabbi Dow Marmur; front row, Murray Koffler, Ray Wolfe, Judith Cohen and Senator Leo Kolber. [Graphic Artists photo]

WJC urges change in approach

"Let my people be Jews"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Soviet Jewry activists in the Diaspora should be saying "Let my people be Jews" rather than preaching "Let my people go," the president of the World Jewish Congress said last week.

Urging Jews round the world to recognize "the sea change" that has occurred in official Soviet treatment of the Jewish question since the accession to power of Mikhail Gorbachev, Edgar Bronfman called on Jewish organizations to adopt a less confrontational, more pragmatic approach to the Soviet Union.

Before addressing the Canadian Club at the Royal York Hotel, Bronfman, in a speech to the International Council of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry in Jerusalem, had argued that anti-Soviet vigils and demonstrations were now counter-productive. (CJN, Dec. 8)

In Jerusalem, he also said that the Soviet government was keeping promises it had made to him in the past two years to loosen restrictions against Jews.

In his Toronto address, which was attended by an overflow crowd of mainly corporate executives and businessmen, he pointed to historic changes such as Moscow's decision to legalize the teaching of Hebrew and to let Jews have their own community centres.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Bronfman said that the task presently facing Soviet Jewry activists abroad is to ensure that Soviet Jews win cultural and religious freedom.

Bronfman, chairman and

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Hapoel spiked in Moscow game

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
It was a triumph in defeat and it warmed the hearts of Jews throughout the Soviet Union on a frigid Saturday.

The Hapoel volleyball team from Kiryat Ata, the Israeli champions, recently played the Moscow Dynamos, the Soviet Cup-holders in Moscow.

Hapoel was soundly beaten — 15-8, 15-3 and 15-2 — in what was the first round of the European Cup tournament.

But the contest was clearly a case where the game was more important than the victory.

The televised match was the first time in the 21 years since Moscow severed diplomatic relations with Israel that Israeli and Russian sports teams met anywhere but in a third country.

The Israelis got a tremendous reception from the crowd and the press.

Moishe Alpia, the Kiryat Ata club manager, reported in a telephone interview from Moscow that their welcome from Jews and non-Jews was "outstanding."

He said that many Jewish spectators waved Israeli flags and chanted "Hapoel, Hapoel" throughout the game.

Although the Israelis lost, the only carping in Israel was from the ultra-Orthodox parties, which complained to the mayor of Kiryat Ata that he allowed the team to play on the Sabbath.

Hapoel will have a chance to even scores when the Moscovites come to Israel this week for a return match.

Meanwhile, eyes are on Israel's championship Maccabee Tel Aviv basketball team, which is scheduled to play the CSKA Red Army sports club team in Moscow Jan. 12. A return match in Tel Aviv is scheduled for March 2.

Israel attending UN Geneva meet

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Israel is attending the UN General Assembly's session this week in Geneva, where its annual debate on Palestine has been moved so that Yasser Arafat can be heard.

Israel's acting ambassador to the United Nations, Yohanan Bein, will address the assembly. But when the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman delivers his speech, the Israeli delegation is scheduled to walk out.

Arafat was denied an entry visa by the U.S. state department to address the General Assembly in New York.

The debate on Palestine, to have opened there on Dec. 1, was postponed. The assembly voted overwhelmingly to shift the session to Geneva, where Arafat is welcome.

There had been some doubt whether Israel and the United States, the only nations to vote against the move, would attend. The U.S. state department indicated last week that the American delegation would be in Geneva.

Ambassador Bein will attempt to refute a broad consensus in Europe that the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers last month took significant steps toward the recognition of Israel, acceptance of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and the renunciation of terrorism.

An Israeli information team, headed by Moshe Raviv, director general of the foreign ministry's information bureau, are at the Geneva session.

New deadlines

Because of the upcoming holidays, The CJN printing schedules are being revised, which means a change in editorial deadlines for the next couple of weeks.

Deadline for the Dec. 22 and Jan. 5 issues is now past and we can not accept any releases unless they are of vital importance. There will be NO ISSUE on Dec. 29. Deadline for the Jan. 12 issue is Dec. 23.

Letter to Editor

The AJCS position

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the Dec. 8 issue of The CJN we carried a report and photo on page 1 of a delegation of Montreal rabbis going to Israel to lend support to the Israel government for the proposed amendment of the Law of Return. In this story, the rabbis made some rather unflattering remarks about the role of Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal in joining with other federations across North America who are opposed to the amendment.

The AJCS has taken us to task for "writing about and printing these distortions without attempting to obtain even a comment from the AJCS."

It is our view that when a group of respected citizens — especially rabbis — makes a statement such as was carried in the Dec. 8 issue, there is no need to question their opinions or to check them out with any other leaders of the community. After all, rabbis have very strong opinions on this divisive matter, and who are we to question their opinions?

However, in accordance with our request to the AJCS, we are publishing the following letter from the president, Peter Wolkove in response to the story. We have deleted references to our alleged "unprofessional" approach in handling the story because we believe there is no basis for such a charge.

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The "strong denunciation" of Allied Jewish Community Services by a group of four Orthodox rabbis as reported in the Dec. 8 Canadian Jewish News, is of concern to us because the accusation against AJCS of "creating hysteria" and "blackmailing" Israel by threatening to withhold funds raised here are patently incorrect and without foundation.

We have insisted that this correction be printed in The Canadian Jewish News not to give our "side" of the story, because that is not the point. Our purpose is to ensure that CJN readers know exactly what AJCS has said and done on the issue of possible amendments to the Law of Return.

The stated position of AJCS, is simply, that we believe, as do the Jewish federations across all of North America, that the Law of Return should not be the subject of political accommodation, due to the gap it may create between significant segments of Diaspora Jewry and Israel. We believe the matter should be removed from the political agenda. We joined the Council of Jewish Federations, of which we are a member, in conveying that position to the leadership of Israel.

At the CJF General Assembly in New Orleans (CJN Nov. 24), the issue was addressed at length. When an American delegate insisted that a vote be taken on witholding funds from Israel it was massively defeated. The Montreal representatives present voted en bloc against any notion of withholding funds from Israel. That the rabbis quoted could accuse us of "blackmail" is wrong, hurtful and absurd.

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World-National

Civil rights should be top priority

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Peacekeeping: Some years ago our community was deeply embroiled in all the issues touching on Arab boycotts against Israel. We urged legislation on our governments not to yield to any measures which would infringe on the liberty of Canadians to trade with whomsoever they wished. We pointed out the deplorable effects of boycotts on our whole system of civil rights. One company, anxious to land a fat contract with an Arab state, even agreed to fire its Jewish directors, because the contract provided that the Canadian company had to be "free of Zionist influence." And so on.

Rabbi Plaut

Lately the issue has surfaced in the question of Canadian peacekeeping forces. Serving between Iraqi and Iranian army lines, UN troops were selected in such a manner that women and Jews were excluded. Their presence, it was officially stated, would be "provocative."

I have no say about UN practices, but I am concerned when I find that Canada agreed to such provisions and sent its contingent along anyway. It should have declined. We cherish our rights and should not make ourselves partners to discrimination. Canadian commanders should not have to say to Canadian volunteers: "We can't choose you because of your faith or sex."

Korea's anti-semitism

The integrity of our own civil rights adherence is more important than our contribution to the peace force. Others can take our place. It was good of us to volunteer, but when the conditions under which our soldiers are to operate do not square with our standards, then ours should be a regretful NO. Maybe such insistence on principle would in time have a salutary effect on other nations which up to now have paid no attention to these matters.

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Korean question; One of the surprising participants in the boycott against Israel has been South Korea, the country which staged the recent Olympic Games with a good deal of panache. A newsletter issued by the Anti-Defamation League states that the country "may have become the biggest offender in compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel among the non-Communist nations."

The newsletter further alleges that well known Korean companies have not only cooperated with the boycott but have publicly admitted doing so. The most prominent of them, operating in Canada and the United States, was accused of anti-semitism and of discriminating against Jewishly owned dealerships. And none of Korea's published statistics on its foreign trade includes any mention of Israel.

Worse, anti-semitic literature from Japan has been translated into Korean. The English language Korean Times speaks of a "Jewish mafia" that is said to be in control of American political and economic affairs. This is a long way from the formerly friendly relations between Korea and Israel, especially when in the 1950s Israel was one of the few democratic countries establishing a helping hand to the Asian nation.

Was all of this designed to safeguard the success of the Olympic games and to avoid an Arab boycott? Perhaps; in any case, the time for Koreans to show their colors is now. One hopeful sign has been that Korea did not rush into a recognition of the PLO state, as did many other Asian nations, including India. (By the time this column appears in print the situation may have changed.)

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War and Remembrance: I have not seen enough to make a judgment on this prime-time soap opera which deals with some of the crucial and bitter experiences of our history. My first impression is that the screen brings us so much that everything is given shallow treatment. That is especially true for what I have seen of the Auschwitz scenes. They were meant to shock but did not even achieve that. Final assessment is suspended, if I can last that long.

$3 billion grant could be cut

Israel's economic aid in jeopardy?

By
HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel's $1.2 billion in economic aid from the United States may be in jeopardy in the coming fiscal year, Capitol Hill sources say.

The $1.8 billion in military aid Israel receives appears less vulnerable at this point. The state department and the Pentagon have agreed to recommend that Israel receive that amount in the 1990 fiscal year, U.S. and Israeli sources said.

But Capitol Hill sources noted that both components of Israel's $3 billion in aid, all of it a grant, could be cut at any step in the annual budget cycle, which will heat up Jan. 9 when President Reagan submits his final budget to Congress for 1990.

In computing Israel's economic aid for 1990, U.S. officials including Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead and Assistant Secretary of Defence Richard Armitage are suggesting that Israel's savings under the December 1987 foreign debt-financing law be taken into account, sources said.

Under that law, Israel is expected to save an estimated $2 billion over 20 years by converting high-interest rate government loans into lower-interest private loans. It saved about $100 million over the past year, an Israeli embassy source said.

Israel currently owes $10 billion to the United States from loans received during various Arab-Israeli wars and in annual foreign aid before the aid was converted completely into grants in 1984. A key issue is whether to take into account Israel's new private debt payments when calculating Israel's reduced debt payments to the United States.

Like Reagan, Bush does not support tax increases, although there has been talk of various "revenue enhancement" measures.

The agreement on military aid was reached in the U.S.-Israel Joint Security Assistance Planning Group. In a concurring agreement, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed not to seek more than $1.8 billion in military aid for 1990, sources said.

But U.S. and Israeli officials said the Reagan administration is considering a 2% cut in military aid for the current fiscal year, which could cost Israel $36 million. It would be reappropriated to countries whose military aid was cut dramatically in recent years, including some that allow U.S. military bases on their territory.

Administration proponents of the cut oppose congressional earmarking of specific levels of aid to Israel, Egypt and other foreign aid recipients, which gives them little room to maneuver the foreign aid budget. The administration does not need congressional approval to make the cut.

Carlucci told Rabin in Israel last month about the idea, to which Rabin responded that opposing it "would cause him problems and would not fight it," a knowledgeable source said.

Three of the four key members of the congressional appropirations subcommittee with jurisdiction over foreign aid are urging the administration to scrap the idea, Sens. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Robert Kasten (R-Wis.), and Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.), the source said.

"If it is blocked it will be because of them," he said. "If it goes through, it will be because Rabin gave (the administration) a green light."

Yosef Gal, the Israel embassy spokesman, said he did not know what Rabin had told Carlucci, but added that "we believe and hope" that the 2% cut will not take place.

For fiscal year 1990, Gal said he was "pretty confident" that the current level of U.S. aid will be maintained.

Paying less debt payments

Until now, Israel's annual debt payments to the United States were no lower than $1 billion, negating the economic aid. In fiscal year 1990, Israel will be paying less in debt payments than it receives in economic aid, a Capitol Hill source said, but an Israeli source disputed that.

The $3 billion that Israel received in fiscal years 1988 and 1989 were its most favorable packages ever, and constitutes close to 10% of Israel's national budget.

Increases are considered unattainable, since under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law, Congress and the executive branch must cut $35 billion from the anticipated 1990 budget deficit of $135 billion.

It is not clear whether President-elect George Bush will submit his own budget requests as well.

Human interest dramas found in Israel's courts

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

Despite rare individual lapses, Israel's judicial system is a model of integrity and justice. Even beyond that, Israel's courtrooms are also the venue for human interest dramas, like most courtrooms everywhere, though much of what transpires in Israel's *batei hamishpat* has a flavor and character which is distinctive to this country. For example:

Claims he was cut short. Shimon Almakor, 56, asked the Tel Aviv local court to accept his claim for damages against his parents for grievous bodily injury and pain which they had caused him by having him circumcised when he was 8 days old. The rabbinate and the government of Israel were also charged with responsibility for an act which, the complainant charged, robbed him of part of his body.

Another short cut. An Israeli army officer, 41, given custody of his children after separation from his wife, asked the Tel Aviv Small Claims Court to enjoin his mother-in-law from giving the children haircuts. He claimed she knew nothing about how to cut hair, and it was his right, as natural father and custodian, to make decisions in such matters.

Road courtesy and the law. Menahem Levi stopped his car at a full stop sign. A driver on the intersecting street waived his right of way and politely indicated to Levi that he could proceed. The latter was arrested, and the local traffic court found him guilty of violating the regulation requiring yielding right of way at a stop sign. On appeal, however, the District Court quashed the decision of the lower court on the grounds that in this instance road courtesy took priority. The appellant was exonerated.

Chutzpah, the judge said. Gabi Attias, 24, walked into a men's wear store in Sderot with a pair of jeans, size 37, and asked that they be exchanged for a 41, claiming he had bought the garment there. As a matter of fact, the whole stock of that brand of trousers had been stolen a month earlier. After investigation, the young man admitted that he had stolen the jeans — from a store in Tel Aviv!

Safe keeping. A band of four robbers burst into a hotel in Netanya, but after diligent efforts failed to open the hotel safe. They made off only with a small box which contained about a thousand shekels and — unbeknownst to them — the keys to the safe.

He's willing to compromise. A new immigrant from Sweden complained in Tel Aviv District Court that his best friend had made off with 45,000 shekels, and his wife. He asked the court to order the money returned. As for his wife, he was willing to give her up.

A biting remark. Defending two young men who had been accused of felonious assault, biting and other crimes, attorney Zvi Lidsky infuriated the witness for the prosecution by his manner of questioning. When he inquired sarcastically how the defendants could possibly have bitten, the witness leaned forward and sunk his teeth into the lawyer's back, by way of demonstrating. Lidsky obtained a medical certificate attesting to teeth marks in his back, and prepared to prefer charges against the witness.

Cornflakes in court. Alexander Jacobs and Co., importer of Kellog's Corn Flakes, has filed complaint in the Tel Aviv District Court against the Ashdod customs collectors on the grounds that duties were levelled on the corn flakes they had imported, not on the basis of normal charges for food, but on the basis of much higher taxes on confections. The products in question were Cocoa Pops and Crunchy Nut. The court must decide if these are food or candy.

Sabbath observance by contract. Apartments rented in religious quarters are by contract which provide that any violation of the Shabbat by the lessee, such as playing a musical instrument, cooking, washing, or driving from his home on the day of rest, would result in immediate and automatic cancellation of the lease, without notice.

Still the people of the book: During court deliberations, a defendant picked up a heavy law book and threw it at Judge Victoria Ostrowsky-Cohen, hitting her on the head.

A closed shop. Chaim Weil and Arnon Degani, incarcerated in Maasiyahu jail, sought a court order to the prison authorities to permit them to organize a trade union for the purpose of protecting the rights of the prisoners and improving their social and working conditions. The High Court of Justice ordered the police and prison administration to show cause why it should not be done. They did. It was not done.

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WJC president addresses 1,400 in Toronto

Arafat trying to split U.S., Israel: Bronfman

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

In refusing Yasser Arafat permission to enter the U.S., Secretary of State George Shultz should have stressed that Arafat is trying to split the U.S. from Israel, Edgar M. Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said here last week.

Speaking to an overflow meeting of 1,400 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Bronfman said if Arafat was serious about wanting peace in the Middle East he would have addressed his statement to Jerusalem, not Washington, and would have renounced terrorism unequivocally.

The large and enthusiastic audience hung on Bronfman's every word and responded actively to the question-and-answer period which lasted longer than the speech itself. It greeted with applause a statement by Dorothy Reitman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who introduced the WJC leader, that Bronfman has visited 44 heads of state on matters of Jewish concern.

The WJC chairman said that president-elect George Bush, though he is not anti-Israel, "is not the loving, caring friend of Israel that President Reagan is," and added that James Baker, U.S. secretary of state designate, is not as committed a friend as Shultz is.

"There must be a political settlement in the Holy Land but how I don't know," Bronfman said, declaring that in two generations "demographics will overwhelm Israel," if there is no peace, because the country cannot absorb another 1½ million Arabs in addition to the 700,000 already there.

The WJC president said the new attitude of the Soviet government to Jewish concerns was exemplified when on his recent visit to Russia, his companions, Simcha Dinitz and Mendel Kaplan, leaders of the Jewish Agency, were not allowed to leave the airport because they did not have visas. "Within a short time visas for them were delivered to the airport, that is unprecedented," Bronfman said. At the same time, the Israeli consular mission to the Soviets was allowed to greet them.

World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman speaks at Toronto community rally at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The current visits by North American Jewish leaders to Israel to consult with Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir about the Law of Return and other matters "are doing some good," he stated. "There is no better place to talk than in Israel."

A woman asked him if the recent hijacking denouement would improve Russian-Israeli relations. "Israel acted properly and I'm glad the hijackers were not Jews," he replied.

Bronfman was "unequivocally opposed" to the meeting of Arafat with Jewish representatives in Stockholm.

He said he was called by someone acting for a Jewish group in U.S. and asked if he would come to a meeting with Arafat. "I told them it would be over my dead body. The caller then said, 'So you won't be there?' I said, No, Arafat won't be there."

Sometimes an anti-Israel statement is anti-semitic and sometimes it is not, Bronfman said. There is probably more world sympathy for Palestinians now as a result of the uprisings, he said, and this is partly because Israel was unable to communicate its side of the situation clearly.

"It's a full three years since we exposed Kurt Waldheim and I'm amazed that he's still there." But Bronfman said he had the satisfaction of receiving an apology from the Turkish charge d'affaires over the hosting of Waldheim at a state function. The apology was also given to the Israeli government.

The WJC leader said he has a personal problem in arguing with Israeli political leaders because he has no intention of making aliya. "The people who want to express their differences should go and live there," he said.

In reply to one questioner, Bronfman said he was more anxious that Soviet Jews go to Israel than Canada or U.S.

To another questioner, he said he did not know if 200,000 or 400,000 was the more accurate figure on the number of Jews who want to leave Russia. One figure that did impress him, he said, was that there are 30,000 Talmud students in the country.

He said he would like to see a national unity government in Israel with Likud and Labor taking part, adding that electoral reform is needed in Israel.

Soviet Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev recognizes that the Russian system is not working and he wants a system of governing with the consent of the governed, Bronfman said. "He knows he needs a lot of help from the western world because he has alienated so many groups in the Soviet. There is a seething mass of nationalism in Russia."

He said Prime Minister Shamir believes the financing of Soviet Jewry emigration to Israel should be a responsibility of his government.

Charles Zaionz, president of the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, chaired the meeting and the speaker was thanked by Herb Rosenfeld, president of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Closer ties forecast with world congress

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman has suggested that closer ties to the World Jewish Congress could be in the offing.

Speaking in the wake of WJC president Edgar Bronfman's recent 1-day visit to Toronto, Reitman said: "We stand together in defending the Jewish population and serving as its representative. I hope the two organizations are going to become more closely linked in the months and years ahead."

Reitman also hosted a reception for Bronfman and noted the WJC president will play an active role in Congress' 1989 Plenary Assembly, May 7-9 in Montreal.

In addition to WJC staging its executive committee meeting there, Bronfman will serve as a keynote speaker.

Also present at the reception for Bronfman were CJC officers: Maurice Benzacar, Charles Zaionz, Rose Wolfe, Mira Koschitzky, David Satok, Les Scheininger, Rabbi Gunther Plaut and Allan Feld of Toronto; Morton Bessner, Monroe Abbey and Joel Pinsky of Montreal; Joseph Wilder and Marjorie Blankstein of Winnipeg; Gladys Rose of Saskatoon; Len Dolgoy of Edmonton; Gerald Berger of Ottawa; David Attis of Moncton, NB, and Martin Chernin of Sydney, NS.

Also present were CJC executives Alan Rose, Dr. Yehuda Lipsitz and Michael Crelinsten; Toronto Jewish Congress president Herb Rosenfeld and executive director Steve Ain; National Budgeting Conference executive director Bert Abugov; Jewish Immigrant Aid Services national president Sheldon Sper; Canadian Zionist Federation president David Azrieli; Canada-Israel Committee chairman Sidney Spivak; United Israel Appeal (Toronto) campaign co-chairman Martin Goldberg; Network national executive director Leora Silver; B'nai B'rith Canada executive vice-president Frank Dimant and Israel's consul general in Toronto Benjamin Abileah.

Accompanying Bronfman were WJC secretary general Israel Singer and executive director Elan Steinberg.

UIA offers news files on Who is a Jew issue

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

United Israel Appeal of Canada is compiling weekly summaries of newspaper articles, news releases and other documents concerning the ongoing Who is a Jew dispute to be distributed to its board of directors and major contributors.

The bound volumes contain up to date information on developments in Israel and expressions of the views of Diaspora Jewish organizations. The first 94-page UIA book contains copies of the hotly contested Law of Return (Who is a Jew) as well as debates between Orthodox and Reform rabbis on possible changes to the law.

So far, about 300 copies of the volumes have been distributed, said Pam Widrich, administrative director of the UIA. The comprehensive reviews of the constantly changing situation are designed "for public awareness and to make our people aware of what we are doing and what's happening," she said.

The controversy that has rocked the Jewish world since the Nov. 1 Israeli general election turns on demands by Orthodox political parties that the Law of Return be amended as the price for their participation in a coalition government with either the Likud or Labor parties.

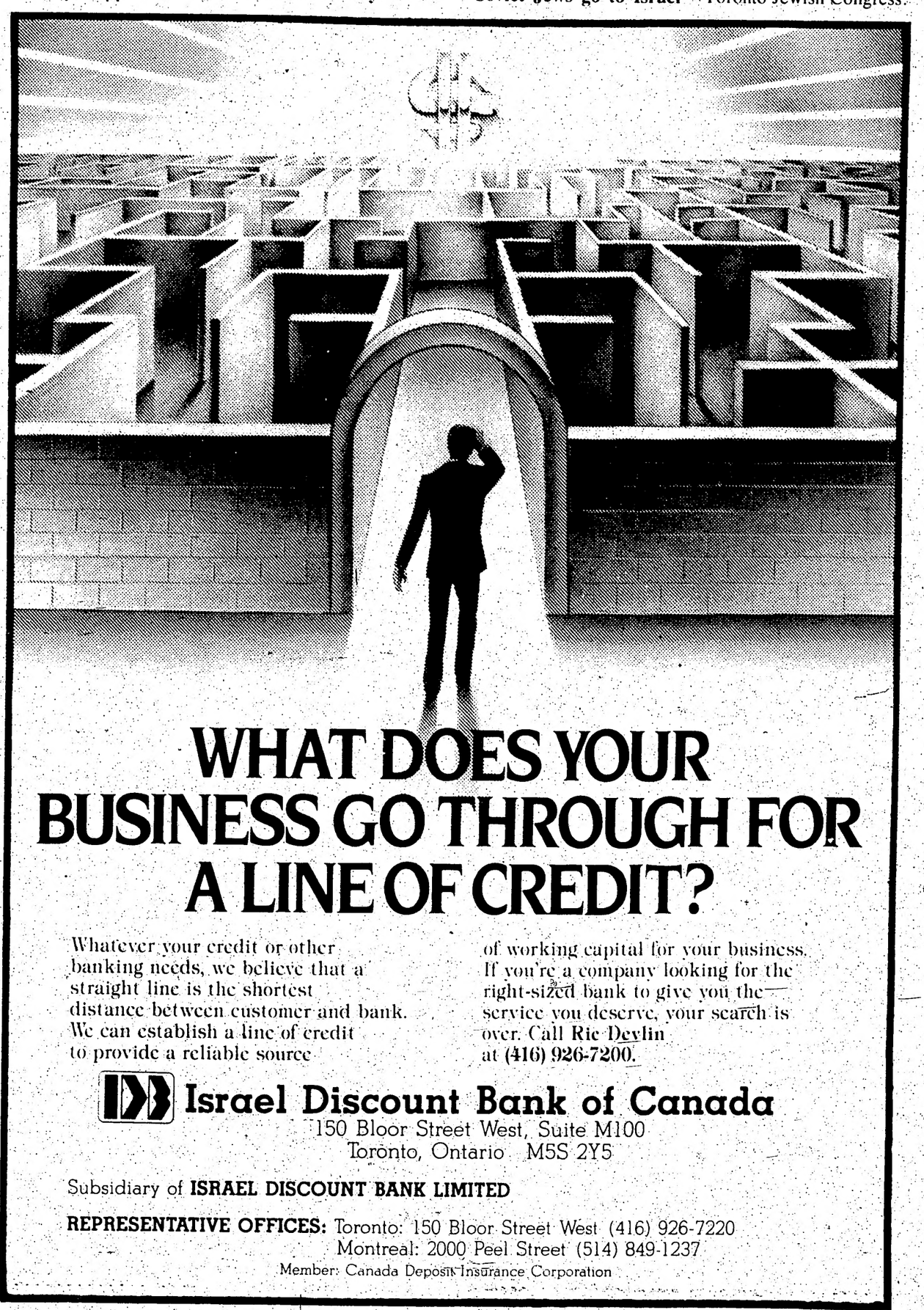
The proposed changes would recognize for immediate citizenship those immigrants born of a Jewish mother or who were converted *according to halacha* — a criterion which would exclude those converted by Conservative and Reform rabbis.

The possibility a narrow coalition government would amend the law has created a heated reaction among Diaspora Jews, with federations, umbrella organizations, Zionist and many religious groups expressing their opposition.

The UIA volumes summarize the actions and comments of North American Jewish groups in opposing the changes, as well as responses from the Israeli government and of some Orthodox spokesmen.

Newspaper accounts from mainstream Canadian dailies, American papers such as the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal as well as the Israeli Hebrew press and the English language Jerusalem Post are included in the UIA compilations.

For more information or to obtain copies, contact the UIA at (416) 636-7655.



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Living Halacha

By
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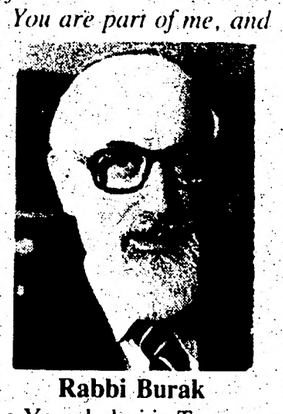
QUESTION: What should the term Klal Yisrael mean to me? What do I owe in this relationship?

ANSWER: The true meaning of this concept is that all who are of our faith constitute one unit, one body and one soul. You are part of me, and I am part of you. That being so, I may not strike you, and neither may you strike me. In hurting you, I hurt myself, and that is a no no.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Here is the way this doctrine is developed by the Chafetz Chayim in his Hebrew volume on Guarding the Tongue, in the section called Shaar ha-Tevunah. He based it on a Yerushalmi in Tractate Nedarim: "If a man, while walking along the road, falls because one leg tripped the other, and his whole body is wounded and bleeding, should he punish the leg that started it all?"

A part of you

Should he say to himself, I refuse to heal the guilty leg? Of course he shouldn't. Is not the leg his, even as his body and face is? If he were to punish the leg in any way, or refuse to heal it, he would be punishing himself. Therefore, any punishment for the offending organ is out. All that he can do, is to ponder over this mystery: What sin did he commit that caused him to suffer this hurt?

In this spirit, carry out the implications in the Yerushalmi, when someone fails to do you the favor you asked of him. If someone hurt you, or gave you a tongue lashing that you didn't deserve, should you avenge yourself on him? No, of course not! He is part of you, and you are part of him.

That's the teaching of the synagogue. The church sees things another way, and so we read in Matt 5:30, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee."

One body and soul

The Torah, however, tells us, in Leviticus, Chapter 19:18: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This is no easy commandment. But, it becomes all the harder, and seemingly illogical when dealing with a man who is injuring you. In the sefer, Shemen ha-Tov, on Parshas Kedoshim, No. 52, we are told that the Gaon and Tzaddik, Reb Shmelke z.l. of Nikolsburg was asked:

"How is it possible to fulfil this mitzvah when dealing with a nasty, hateful person who is injuring you?" He replied in terms that are very close to the words of the Chafetz Chayim: We are one body and soul. If your hand were to strike your head accidentally, with a sharp and painful blow, would you take a stick and smite the hand as punishment?

Where is this doctrine that we are one body and one soul found in the Bible? Some scholars see it in Second Samuel, Chapter 7:23, in the words, "And who is like Thy people Israel, a nation one in the earth. . . ." This is brought in a lengthy note by Rabbi S. Greiniman, on the words of the Chafetz Chayim on loving one's neighbor.

Torah principle

Another sentence expresses it even better, when one has some knowledge of the Hebrew language. It is the verse in Exodus, Chapter 1:5: "And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls." The Hebrew word which the English translation renders in the plural, souls, is singular in the Hebrew, nafesh, or nefesh, meaning soul. Were it a plural, it would be nafshos.

So all the 70 souls are really one soul. And if we are really one, it stands to reason that we must take care of one another, and that we may never hurt one another, and that we must love one another, and certainly never injure one another no matter how great the provocation.

This underlying unity is the principle that goes with the words of the Torah, Leviticus, 19:18: "Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

19 resolutions assail Jewish state

UN votes again to isolate Israel

By
SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — The UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution calling on all nations to sever all ties with Israel. Furthermore, it asked that all aid to Israel be suspended.

It was one of 19 anti-Israel resolutions drafted last week.

The Israeli foreign ministry, calling the votes a rehash of many past anti-Israel votes, said the measures had "no moral validity," and "all the talk and fanfare on moderation are really false."

The resolution asked that member-states cut off all diplomatic, trade and cultural ties, in order to "isolate it in all fields."

The vote was 83 in favor and 21 opposed, with 45 abstentions.

The resolution asked all member-states to "cease forthwith, individually and collectively, all dealings with Israel in order totally to isolate it in all fields."

The UN body voted once more for an international Middle East peace conference under UN auspices, to include the Palestine Liberation Organization as an equal participant.

It said such a conference should have the authority to achieve a solution based on Israel withdrawal from occupied Palestinian territory.

Prior to adopting the text of the draft, a separate vote was held on a paragraph stating that U.S. aid to Israel has encouraged expansionism and aggression and hindered the peace process.

In other actions:

• **A measure passed reiterating that all Israeli policies and actions geared to annexing all territories captured in the 1967 Six Day War were illegal and violate international law.**

Saying Israel's record, policies and actions "confirm that it is not a peace-loving member state," the resolution declared illegal Israel's occupation and annexation of the Golan Heights that threatened international peace and security.

• **The General Assembly declared once that the question of Palestine was at the root of the conflict in the Middle East. There were 103 votes in favor and 18 opposing. Thirty nations abstained.**

• Another resolution condemned Israel for arming settlers in occupied territories in order to commit "acts of violence" against Palestinian and Arab civilians.

The General Assembly urged the Security Council to consider giving international protection to the Palestinian people until Israel withdraws from the territories.

The vote on this measure was 106 in favor, with only 2 nations, Israel and the United States, opposing. There were 43 abstentions.

• The General Assembly asked the secretary-general to act, in consultation with the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine, to protect and administer Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel.

The assembly called for establishment of a fund to receive income on behalf of the "rightful" property owners.

There were 124 votes in favor of the draft, with only Israel and the United States opposing. Twenty-five countries abstained.

• The General Assembly asked for Israeli acknowledgment and compliance with the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War in the territories Israel has occupied since 1967.

Only Israel voted against the measure, with 148 nations in favor. The United States abstained on this vote. The other nations abstaining were Zaire, Ivory Coast and Liberia.

• In another measure, the UN body deplored Israel's arbitrary detention or imprisonment of Palestinians and called for their release.

Israel and the United States voted against the measure, with 150 nations in favor. There were no abstentions.

• Another measure demanded that Israel rescind what it termed its illegal deportation of many Palestinians. It condemned Israel's persistence in changing the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure and legal status of the Golan Heights.

• One resolution condemned Israel's policy against Palestinian students and faculties of educational institutions.

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A News Analysis

One year has passed and intifada has changed key

By
ROY ISACOWITZ

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — In November, 1987, on the eve of the Arab League summit in Jordan, Palestine Liberation Oranization Chairman Yasser Arafat sent envoys to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, urging mass street demonstrations by the Palestinians under Israeli occupation. His call went unheeded.

Almost a year to the day later, on Nov. 15, 1988, Arafat proclaimed the establishment of a Palestinian state from a flag-bedecked podium in Algiers. Only a massive deployment of force by the Israeli army kept the inhabitants of the occupied territories from celebrating in the streets.

1988 was the year of the Palestinian intifada, the uprising against Israeli occupation. It began in Gaza on Dec. 9, 1987, when the deaths of four local laborers in a road accident ignited the strip's teeming and highly-charged refugee camps, and it reached its apex with Arafat's historic proclamation last month.

The only certainty today, after a year of violence and confusion, is that the intifada is far from over. Neither Palestinians nor Israelis are able to predict what shapes it will continue to take.

The intifada has dramatically altered the strategic and psychological balances in the Middle East and beyond. The previously cowed and apathetic inhabitants of the territories have become a force in their own right and have dramatically asserted their claim to a say in their future.

For Israel, the uprising has been a disaster. Its moral currency has lost much of its lustre in the eyes of the world, and its diplomatic standing has slipped in reverse ratio to the rehabilitation of the PLO.

The intifada has also had its more subtle repercussions, such as the renewed self-confidence of the occupied Palestinians and the radical enhancement of the status of the Palestinian woman. Young Israeli soldiers putting down the uprising have come face-to-face with their own limitations; several dozen have been charged with brutality or worse.

The intifada of today is very different to the frenzied mob violence and the Israeli reactions of the first few months. It has not died down, despite repeated predictions that it would by senior Israeli officials, but it has certainly changed key.

Where thousands of youths once rampaged through the alleys of the refugee camps, today the streets are largely deserted. Where Israeli troops once waded into the crowds with batons, today they fire plastic bullets from a distance. Where budding Palestinian revolutionaries once saw freedom within their grasp, today they are settling in for a long haul.

Nascent local Palestinian leaderships and alternative structures have developed. At the top is the Unified Leadership, consisting of representatives of the four main resistance groups: Fatah, the Communist Party, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The leadership meets weekly to plan strategy and put out communiques, 29 of which have been published to date. Several of its members have been detained, but other key leaders remain free and underground.

Each town and village has its popular committee, which implements the directives of the leadership. The popular committees have been banned and many of their leaders jailed, but they continue to function.

The groups of youths which enforce the decisions are known as shock committees. Much of their work consists of ensuring that merchants observe strike orders, though, in headier moments, they like to refer to themselves as the Palestinian army-in-the-making.

Of greatest significance for the future are the alternative community structures, such as those that teach pupils in the absence of schools (which have been shut for much of the year) and those that market fresh produce from individual landholdings.

These alternative bodies are weak and their scope is very narrow, but they could be the foundations for the institutions of a future state. Israel, as Palestinian intellectuals love to point out, was built on the para-statal foundations established during the days of the British Mandate.

A potentially serious threat to Palestinian unity is the growing strength of the Islamic Resistance Movement, known by its Arabic acronym Hamas. The movement, which is dominant in Gaza and increasingly influential on the West Bank, strongly opposed the "moderation" of the PLO in Algiers. Any further accommodation of the West could provoke violence between the fundamentalists and the PLO.

To a large extent, Israel has managed to absorb the intifada. The shock of the first few months, during which the defence establishment groped wildly for means of dealing with the violence, has been replaced by a weary, wary professionalism. The Israeli army is carrying out Chief of Staff General Dan Shomron's instruction to "prevent the inhabitants of the territories from dictating terms to Israel's political leadership."

Trained for conventional warfare, the army was not prepared to contend with youths armed only with stones and bottles of petrol. It took the better part of the past year for the army's tactics, equipment and training to be adapted to street confrontations.

The turning point, according to Deputy Chief of Staff General Ehud Barak, was the introduction some three months ago of plastic bullets, which cause severe wounds but are seldom lethal at distances of over 70 metres. Their use has meant that soldiers are more apt to fire, knowing that they probably won't kill, and rioters are less likely to venture into firing range.

Tactical necessity has dictated policy. Before the intifada it was thought prudent to maintain only small forces in the territories and to keep them out of urban areas. Today, some 10,000 soldiers are in the territories at any one time.

Military psychologists are satisfied that, despite several dozen instances of brutality and vandalism, the young soldiers are coping well with the task. Few, they say, have been traumatized to any significant degree. Altogether, less than 40 soldiers, most of them older reservists, have been jailed for refusal to serve in the territories.

In the bars and restaurants of Tel Aviv, the intifada has had little impact. It is felt (and usually quickly forgotten) mainly by reservists called up for duty in the territories and by those whose livlihoods have suffered during its course. Prominent among the latter are building contractors, whose work forces consist primarily of Palestinian laborers.

The major damage has been in the international arena, where Israel's image has taken some hard knocks and its allies are showing less sensitivity to Israel's concerns. Cases in point are the recent American arms deals with Arab states, which would have been unthinkable in the past, and the European Community's long procrastination before approving trade protocols with Israel two months ago.

Perhaps the most profound success of the intifada is the legitimacy it has conferred on the Palestinian cause and the diplomatic impetus it has created. The perceived suffering and sacrifices of unarmed Palestinians struggling for freedom did more to advance the cause than 20 years of armed struggle by the external PLO.

Most Palestinians want end to intifada, survey shows

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The vast majority of Palestinians in the West Bank are fed up with the uprising in the territories and want to get on with their normal lives, according to a study made by two lecturers at Bir Zeit University on behalf of Oxford University in Britain.**

The survey, conducted among 2,100 Arab residents of 50 localities in the West Bank, showed that 80% believe the intifada, which began a year ago, has not achieved its goals.

Among married men, 92% said they were bored by prolonged idleness at home forced on them by the uprising.

Of 730 Arab merchants questioned, 594 reported serious loss of income this past year. Ninety-six percent said they closed their shops for fear of reprisals, not because they wanted to observe the commercial strikes ordered by leaders of the uprising.

The survey found that 60% of Palestinian laborers were fired from their jobs in Israel because of prolonged absences due to the uprising.

Eighty-five percent of those questioned said they suffered a drop in living standards. Their families could afford to eat meat no more than once a month.

The frequent closure of universities that have become centres of Palestinian nationalism, such as Bir Zeit near Ramallah, has Arab students worried. The survey found that 95% of high school graduates plan to go to college abroad if the universities in the territory are not reopened.

Finally, more than 80% of Palestinians in the Ramallah region who possess U.S. citizenship have rented their homes and gone to America.

Yediot Achronot reported, meanwhile, that "the average number of monthly attacks, which reached about 200 during the initial months of the intifada, has declined considerably in recent months."

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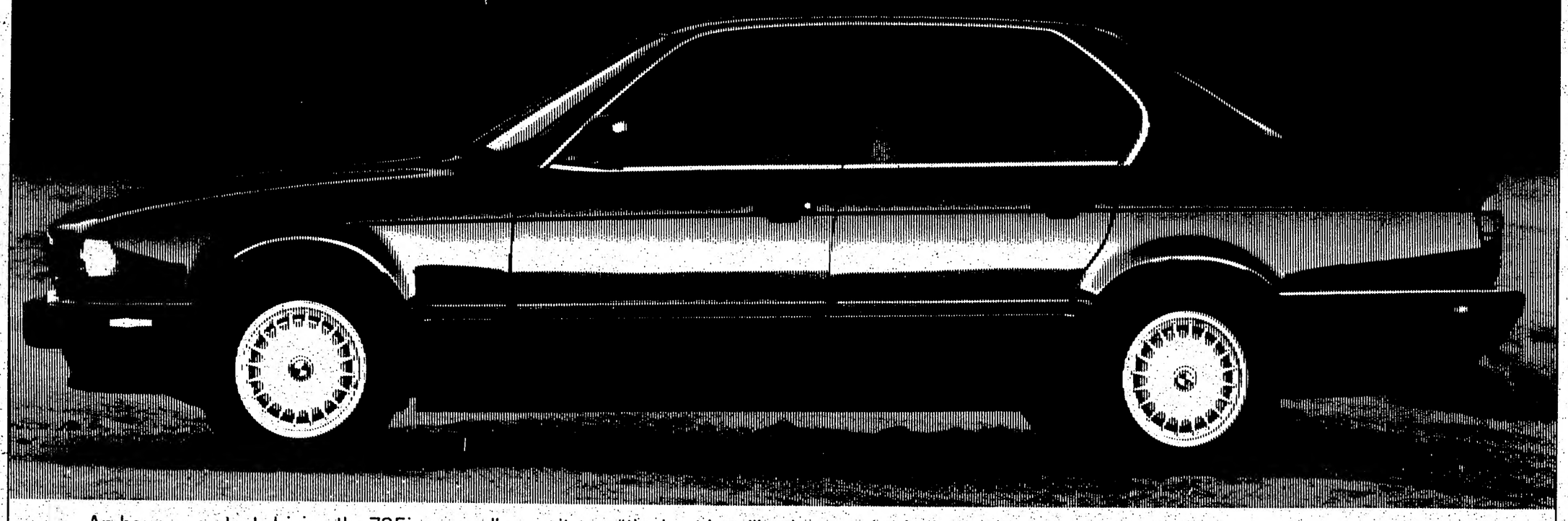

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Seen at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science are (left to right): president H. Thomas Beck; Dr. Yair Reisner, Israeli scientist and expert in bone marrow transplants, and James F. Kay, chairman of the board.

Concerned about divisive election

Kay calls for united front

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Recent political events in Israel have underlined the need for unity between Israel and the Diaspora and in this regard the Weizmann Institute of Science plays a crucial role.

This was the opinion of James F. Kay, Canadian chairman, speaking at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Society at the Park Plaza Hotel. A capacity crowd of 150 attended.

Kay was with a delegation of 125 Canadians who attended the recent dedication of the Canadian Centre for the Energies and Applied Research on the Rehovot campus of the institute.

"I'm enthralled by the dynamics of Israel but concerned about the divisive results of the election," he said. "The institute is the pearl of the Israeli academic scene."

Murray Koffler, world chairman, returned from a special Weizmann event in France just in time to attend the meeting. He and his wife, Marvelle, were guests at the bestowing of an honorary degree by the institute on President Francois Mitterand in the Palace Elysee. The ceremony attracted 300 people, including five Nobel laureates, and a large delegation from Israel.

Koffler also attended the dedication of the Canadian Centre at Rehovot. "The Canadian impact on the Weizmann is overwhelming," he said. "No other country is backing a project with such a global impact."

The appointment of Prof. Haim Harari, a 48-year-old Israeli-born theoretical physicist, as president, will bring "new life" to the Weizmann Institute, he said.

An institute scientist, Dr. Yair Reisner, who is credited with developing a procedure for bone marrow transplants which has saved 100 "bubble children," was the guest speaker.

In 1986, Reisner was called to Moscow to help treat victims of the Chernobyl explosion since many of them required bone marrow transplants because of heavy radiation doses. The key feature of Reisner's method is that it permits transplantation from an unmatched donor.

Describing the difficulties of working in an ill-equipped Russian hospital, he said he did four transplants, and two of these patients survived, the only two of the total of 10 patients in the hospital to do so.

The Canadian Society has just completed one of the most productive years in its history, said H. Thomas Beck, president. He thanked Kay and Koffler for their pioneering work in getting the Canadian Centre for the Energies and Applied Research to its present stage.

"The beginning augurs well for the society," he said. "The world is interested in energy from the sun. We encountered many difficulties but they are behind us now."

A video on the centre was screened during an intermission in the dinner. It showed the 125 Canadians at the dedication ceremony and several views of the centre itself. "It has 65 computer-controlled mirrors and is the only major solar project on any university campus anywhere in the world," the narrator said. "It will permit heat to be sent to the north of Israel from the south and its value will be apparent when the world runs out of conventional fuel."

A brief report on a new group, Weizmann Women for Science, was given by Carol Gordon.

A scroll was presented to Dr. Leo Yaffe, a founding member of the Canadian Society and a member of the institute's international board, by Dr. Louis Siminovitch. Recently Yaffe was made a member of the Order of Canada.

Siminovitch said Yaffe has an international reputation in nuclear medicine. Both graduated with chemistry degrees from McGill University, Siminovitch said, and both worked at the Canadian Atomic Energy plant at Chalk River where Yaffe was mayor of the town and he (Siminovitch) was an alderman.

Kay and Beck were re-elected chairman and president, respectively. Two new members named to the board of directors were David Campbell and Thomas Weisz.

The following were reappointed to the board for 1989: Douglas G. Bassett, R. Robert Benson, C. R. David E. Buck, Ted Cohen, Marvin Corber, Lewis E. Field, Irving J. Frisch, William Glied, Abe Gray, Paul Ivanier, Dr. Cyril Kay, Martin M. Levene, Hart M. MacDougall, Jeremy Reitman, Dr. Louis Siminovitch.

Those named chapter presidents were: Dr. Eli Adler, Edmonton; Earl Cherniak, London, Ont.; Martin Cohon, Calgary; David L. Dennis, Toronto; Naomi Frank, Alliance Weizmann; David Freeman, Vancouver; John Greenberg, Ottawa; Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, Halifax; Anne Mandell, Burlington; and Peter Seligman, Weizmann League; Gordon Strauss, Waterloo, Ont.; Marvin Tanner, Montreal; Harry Tomarin, St. Catharines, Ont.; Mark Uram, Edmonton; Irving Zucker, Hamilton.

MDA's work acknowledged

MONTREAL —

Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's national emergency first-aid ambulance and blood service, has been given an unexpected gesture of support from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva.

"We are pleased to welcome this gesture," said Alfred Segall, national president of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel, whose headquarters are in Montreal.

The latest acknowledgement of MDA's work came in the form of a letter to The Jerusalem Post from Paul-Henri Morard of ICRC's press division, in which he explains why MDA has never been officially recognized by the International Red Cross.

But, he stated, "The ICRC fully appreciates the value of the humanitarian work carried out by the Magen David Adom Organization, with which it maintains excellent working relations, and hopes that one day governments will resolve this issue to the satisfaction of all concerned."

The Red Cross official's letter was in response to earlier letters to The Post which commented on a recent Red Cross admission in Geneva that it could have done more in the early stages of the Holocaust to rescue Jews.

His letter also took pains to explain why MDA has never received official Red Cross recognition as have other emergency first aid services in other, particularly Arab countries.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has no power, or competence whatsoever to recognize the Red Shield of David as a protective emblem under the Geneva Conventions, or the Magen David Adom Organization as a member of the International Red Cross.

"This depends exclusively on governments as it would require a change of the Geneva Conventions . . . Any possibility of recognition of the Magen David Adom Organization can only derive from a modification of the Geneva Conventions . . . at a diplomatic conference . . ."

Canadian MDA is continuing its efforts across Canada for support for the purchase of equipment to accommodate any new defence and security situations that may arise for Israel, its citizens and visitors, Segall said.

As well, he added, "We must be prepared on a day-to-day basis to provide for civilian needs such as highway accidents, cardiac emergencies and the like both for Israelis and visitors, regardless of racial, religious or national origin."

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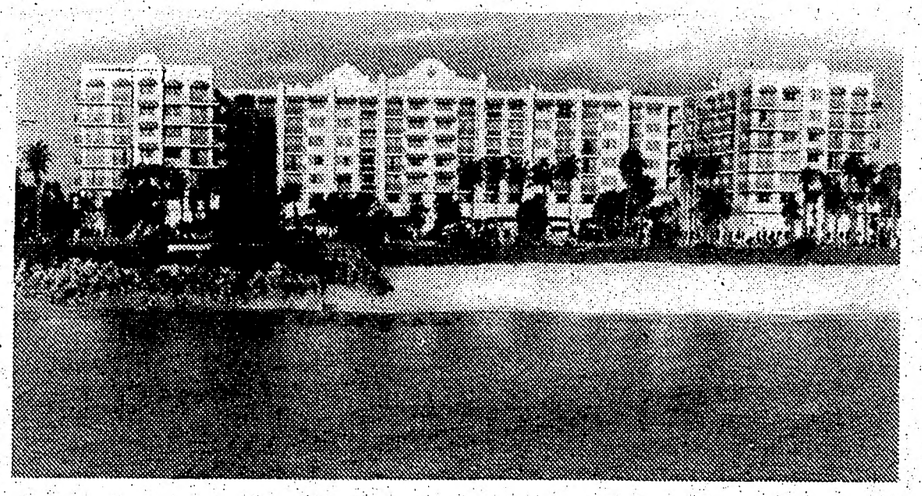

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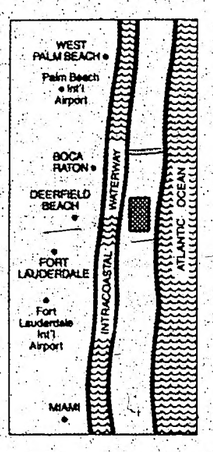

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Dec. 17, 1862, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant issued general order number 11 expelling "Jews as a class" from his Civil War jurisdiction. This most comprehensive anti-Jewish decree in U.S. history underscored longlived anti-semitism.

The Civil War between the northern and southern states broke out a year earlier, tearing the country apart. Hatred and hostility mounted along with the appalling casualties. Grant, born in 1822, a West Point graduate, distinguished himself in combat during the Mexican war (1846-48). As a brigadier general for the Union (northern states), he won its first major victory in the Civil War in February, 1862, when he forced the surrender of Fort Donelson in Tennessee. He eventually became commander of all the Union forces.

Throughout the hostilities, merchants braved cannonballs and bullets. Northern supplies and machinery continued to be exchanged for southern cotton and tobacco. Union policy towards the trade was ambiguous and at times contradictory. The need for southern products, the desire to maintain as much as possible a normal economic routine, and a strong commerce lobby, conflicted with the military's pressing for a complete blockade of the south.

Control was attempted through the institution of permits and licences. Lack of a clear policy allowed applicants to find satisfaction at a second office or a third if they were refused by the first office. Bribery would often expedite matters; the alarm of corruption was raised.

Entrepreneurs sometimes demonstrated a nonchalance to the bloody warfare that was disheartening to troops and commanders alike. This was best depicted in a 1967 film *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*. Two treasure hunters, blocked from crossing a vital bridge whose possession was being fought over long and hard by opposing armies, say: "Well, why don't they go somewhere else and fight?"

Smalltime peddlers

Among the merchants were Jews, often refugees from Europe prominent with their heavily accented English and their religious customs. Most were smalltime traders and peddlers trying to eke out a living in a hostile environment. Accused of entering the U.S. in order to profit from the shedding of Christian blood — a charge levelled vociferously by competitors — they soon came to be loudly questioned. Charges of "aiding the enemy, smuggling, and money-grubbing" exploded in intensity, writes Nathan Belth in his account of U.S. anti-semitism, *A Promise to Keep*. Grant decreed their expulsion from his district in Tennessee, giving them 24 hours to leave.

Whether or not the measure mirrored his personal views — Grant, who was to become the 18th president of the U.S. at age 47, never expressed anti-Jewish hostility before the measure or after — it singled out the Jews alone. It smacked of the expulsions and retrictions that plagued medieval Europe. When it was reported in Washington, President Abraham Lincoln ordered the measure immediately annulled. Grant complied.

The matter did not end there. Anti-Jewish calumnies continued unabated, with the charge of unchallengeable war profiteering now added. Newspapers and occasionally public officials spread them across the Union, convenient scapegoats for the anguish and belligerence that marked the U.S.'s most traumatic war.

In 1864, B'nai B'rith official Simon Wolf expressed in print Jewish fear and outrage, with the help of the doyen of newspaper editors, William Cullen Bryant. "We have been branded and outraged for four long years," said Wolf in his statement. " ... Why, do the authorities telegraph that another Jew blockader has been caught? Is it then a crime to be born a Jew, which has to be expiated upon the altar of public opinion by a life of suffering and abuse? I am defending the principle that underlies our public institutions, our private worth. Are we going to go on in this uncalled-for vituperation, and, sowing the wind, to reap at last the whirlwind?"

Anti-semitism subsided with the slow reunification of the country. That it did not disappear, particularly in military quarters, was pointed out in a World War I U.S. army manual, which discouraged the recruitment of Jews because they were "apt to malinger."

Says new laws remove Refuseniks "from agenda"

Gorbachev talks of better times

NEW YORK (JTA) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told the United Nations General Assembly last week that a restructuring of the Soviet Union's "state secrecy" laws "removes from the agenda the problem of the Refuseniks."

In a speech largely devoted to his policy of perestroika or restructuring the Soviet system, Gorbachev said that the Supreme Soviet intends to draft new laws that rule out any form of state persecution on political or religious grounds.

"The problem of exit from and entry to our country, including the question of leaving for family reunification, is being dealt with in a humane spirit," he said.

He claimed that no persons remain imprisoned for political or religious beliefs.

Gorbachev did not propose any new ideas for the Middle East peace process, and reserved his references to the region to a short statement of regret over the U.S. decision to bar Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat from entering the country for a speech before the General Assembly.

Gorbachev's motorcade arrived at the United Nations shortly before 10 a.m., skirting clumps of flag-waving protesters spread out along one side of Manhattan's First Avenue.

They included some 2,000 demonstrators from the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews, whose appeals acknowledged the fruits of perestroika but demanded even more on behalf of free emigration. Another group of Jewish protesters had themselves arrested.

Gorbachev's remarks on emigration and state secrets came during a section of his hour-long speech dedicated to UN Human Rights Day which was observed on Dec. 10.

The Soviet leader confirmed a recent announcement that the state secrecy rule, which denied emigration to Soviet citizens deemed privy to supposedly classified information, would henceforth be applied with "strictly warranted time limitations." (CJN Dec. 8).

"Every person seeking employment at certain agencies or enterprises will be informed of this rule," he said. "In case of disputes, there is a right of appeal under the law. This removes from the agenda the problem of the so-called Refuseniks."

Gorbachev also said he intended to expand the Soviet Union's participation in the United Nations and the human rights monitoring arrangements made by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission.

"Soviet democracy will be placed on a solid normative base," said Gorbachev. "I am referring, in particular, to laws on the freedom of conscience, glasnost (openness), public associations and organizations, and many others."

The Soviet leader voiced "deep regret" over the U.S. state department's refusal to grant Arafat permission to enter the United States.

He said the decision came at a time when the PLO "has made a constructive step which facilitates the search for a solution to the Middle East problem."

Speaking generally, Gorbachev said: "I am convinced that our time and the realities of today's world call for internationalizing dialogue and the negotiating process."

Soviet emigres stranded in Rome

U.S. to permit special entry

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Attorney General Richard Thornburgh took steps last week to allow up to 2,000 Soviet emigres per month to enter the United States on the attorney-general's parole authority, including all Jewish emigrants now in Rome.

In addition, the justice department will allow "immigrant class" entry to a "limited number of applicants who face special circumstances."

Thornburgh announced this interim measure in response to a request from Secretary of State George Shultz that something be done to help Soviet citizens who are unable to get visas to the United States because of the U.S. budget crunch.

Since September, about 179 Soviet Jews have been stranded in Rome, because they have been denied refugee status, which would automatically allow them entry to the United States. Another 345 have been waiting a ruling on their status.

But Sheppy Abramowitz, a state-department spokeswoman on refugee affairs, said all the Soviet Jews in Rome will be granted the parole status. She said 93% of Jews who left Soviet Union in the last three months received the refugee status.

Also since July, a lack of funds has left the U.S. embassy in Moscow unable to process applicants for visas, mostly Armenians, but some Jews as well. The embassy had decided not to process new applicants from any Soviet citizen until January.

But Thornburgh also ordered Alan Nelson, the commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, to take immediate steps to place a Russian-speaker at the Moscow embassy to help adjudicate some of the backlog of emigration cases.

As a longterm measure, the justice department's Office of Legislative Affairs will work with the state department to develop a legislative strategy to address the problem, Thornburgh added.

The attorney-general's order was announced two days after Shultz met with a delegation of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The secretary promised at that meeting that the government would work with the Jewish community to resolve the problem.

Jews entering the United States as refugees receive government aid for traveling and resettlement. But when Jews come to the United Sates under the parole authority, these expenses are picked up by the Jewish community in which they settle.

Greeks won't extradite Abu Nidal terrorist

ATHENS (JTA) — The Greek government is refusing to extradite a Palestinian terrorist believed responsible for the October 1982 machinegun and grenade attack on the main synagogue in Rome, which left a child dead and 35 worshippers wounded.

Justice Minister Vaso Rotis announced that Osama al-Zomar, a member of the Abu Nidal terrorist group, will not be handed over to the Italian authorities for trial.

His decision flies in the face of a Greek Supreme Court ruling in October 1984, upheld in March 1985 by then Justice Minister George Mangakis, that Zomar be extradited.

Rotis' only explanation was that "he is a Palestinian fighting for his freedom."

The Greek government has gone to great lengths to avoid extraditing Zomar since he was arrested on the Greco-Turkish border in November 1982 trying to smuggle 130 pounds of explosives into Greece.

He was sentenced to 20 months in prison, but freed after 19 months for good behavior.

Filed formal request

While he was in custody, the Italian authorities filed a formal request for extradition. Instead of complying, the Athens government referred the matter to the courts.

An appeals court decided in favor of extradition. It was upheld by a 5-0 decision of the Supreme Court and confirmed by the justice minister.

The extradition papers were signed by Mangakis in March 1985. Three days later, he announced that extradition was postponed because Zomar was under investigation for a terrorist act in Greece. He was accused of planning an attack on a Jordanian airliner at Athens airport.

The government did not explain how he could have been involved, since Zomar was in jail at the time and was not allowed visitors.

Indeed, a grand jury subsequently refused to indict him. By then it was March 1986. With the extradition order yet to be carried out, the government had Zomar rearrested. He was charged this time with carrying an illegal weapon in jail, resisting a guard and planning to escape.

2 Arab Americans are refused entry over anti-semistism

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Arab American women arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport recently were detained by police and sent back to the United States, after a gross anti-semitic outburst.

The women began to hurl insults when an Arab man accompanying them was found to be on a list of people barred from entering Israel.

One of the women was quoted as saying "It's a pity Hitler didn't totally destroy the Jewish people." The two women and the man were denied entry into Israel and sent back to their points of origin. Their identities were not disclosed.

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Retrogression

We have no doubt that West Germany has made great strides in distancing itself from the horrendous record of its Nazi past. The government of Bonn in its commitment to reparations, its embrace of democratic values and its warm relationship with Israel has done much to restore honor to Germany.

Despite this fine record of accomplishment, there are still some disquieting tendencies to be observed in West Germany's political and social discourse.

We are referring, among other things, to the unsettling controversy surrounding the views of a small number of German intellectuals who, while not denying the Holocaust, seek to relativize it by suggesting that it was merely another example of mass destruction.

Stalin, they argue, based his savagery on class warfare while Hitler based his on racial hatred. By stressing this aspect, historians such as Edward Nolte argue that Germany should not be singled out for special scrutiny.

Philip Jeninger's singularly inept timing in trying to reconstruct the mind of Germans in 1938 in his address on the anniversary of Kristallnacht, is another example of the incautious revisionism that seems to be seeping into the public consciousness.

The speaker of the Bundestag was undoubtedly trying to reflect ironically on the impulses which drove his countrymen to paroxysms of hatred under Hitler but Jeninger failed to realize that irony is one of the most difficult of all rhetorical devices to use.

There is no irony, however, in the news that one of the hottest items among West German youth today is a Nazi-inspired computer game. According to the Toronto Star (Nov. 22) illegally produced floppy discs are now spreading clandestinely into the home computer market.

The computer games in question inculcate hatred of Jews, foreigners and homosexuals. They glorify war and propagate Nazi propaganda. Players are asked to kill beggars, Greens (a German environmental group) and Communists.

"The player who succeeds in ticking off all the right answers, and who, as a bonus, has read the masterwork Mein Kampf, can advance to the rank of an SS officer."

We deplore these recent developments in West Germany.

Positive effect

Although some Soviet Jews are still experiencing difficulties in obtaining exit visas, we are prepared, in the light of recent developments, to acknowledge that glasnost is having a positive effect on Russian Jewish society.

A number of measures, both official and unofficial, are producing what can only be called a revival of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union. We do not presume to know the reasons for the new mellowness that now characterizes Soviet attitudes to Jews but the results of that new posture are encouraging.

The kremlin has just agreed to the creating of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow complete with library, museum and classrooms for teaching Hebrew. What Josef Begun was jailed and suffered for will soon be available for Soviet Jews — without the threat of imprisonment.

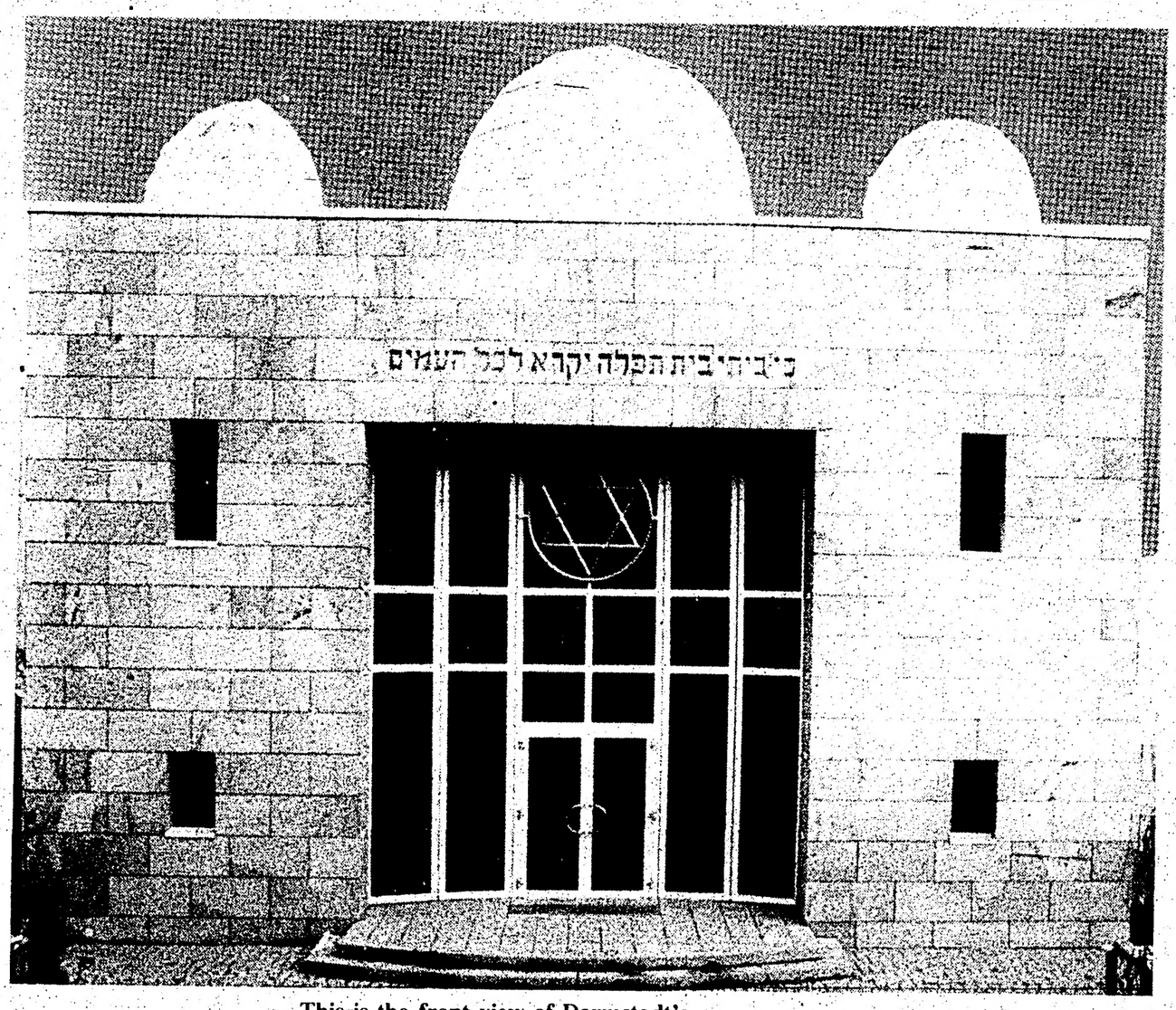
The Soviet Academy of Sciences has taken the extraordinary step of authorizing one of its institutes to set up a centre for rabbinical studies. Israel's Talmudic scholar, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, has visited Russia to explore the mechanics of the new research foundation.

Perhaps one of the most promising developments is the report, confirmed in part by World Jewish Congress chairman, Edgar Bronfman, that Soviet Jews will soon be able to affiliate with the Congress for the first time.

Symptomatic of the relaxed attitude is the opening in early November of the Shalom Jewish Theatre on Warsaw St. in central Moscow. The theatre's director, Alexander Levenbuk, said in a welcoming speech: "I want you to know that this is our place. This is a place where our children and our children's children will be proud of what they are."

Not since the immediate post World War II period, and Stalin's rabid anti-semitism, have Soviet Jews been able to breathe comfortably in Soviet society. These first indications of normalcy are welcome changes. We share, with some caution, the optimism about the role of Jews in Soviet society now being expressed by people such as theatre director Levenbuk: "We think we are making the best of both worlds."

Let us hope that the best continues for Jews in the Soviet Union.



This is the front view of Darmstadt's new synagogue.

Darmstadt shul completed

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When I visited Darmstadt, a city of 120,000 south of Frankfurt, in the spring of 1985, Moritz Neumann and Rudiger Breuer were eager to discuss a project that has now come to fruition.

They talked animatedly of the day when Darmstadt's Jewish community, which had been decimated by the Nazis, would have its own synagogue again.

On Kristallnacht, Nov. 9, 1938, mobs set fire to Darmstadt's two synagogues, burning them to the ground. By the outbreak of World War II, nearly every Jew in Darmstadt who could leave had left Germany.

With the war over, some of the former Jewish residents returned. In later years, they were joined by East European Jews, Russian Jews and Israelis. Darmstadt's present Jewish population is about 100 to 130.

In 1984, Breuer — the son of a German army officer who died in action on the Soviet front — listened as his friend Neumann, a Jew, delivered a speech on Kristallnacht.

Moved by his address, Breuer wondered why the new Jewish community in Darmstadt still didn't have a synagogue. Neumann, whose mother survived Auschwitz, replied that building funds were non-existent. Since the end of the war, a villa that had once belonged to a Jewish lawyer had served as a place of worship.

"I couldn't understand why the people of Darmstadt had not rebuilt a synagogue," Breuer told me. "We were paying lip service to the suffering of the Jewish community in our town by remembering the infamy of Kristallnacht. But we were doing nothing to replace the synagogue. It was hypocritical."

Since talk is cheap, Breuer was determined to act. He and Neumann, a journalist, launched a publicity campaign to convince the municipal council that Darmstadt should have a synagogue cum-community center and that it should be inaugurated on the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Gunther Metzger, the mayor and former president of the German-Israel Friendship Society, encouraged them. Eventually, in a unanimous vote, the council agreed to allocate a substantial sum of money to the project. Further financial support came from Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in Darmstadt, the state of Hesse and the West German government.

In May of 1986, a panel of architects, members of the Jewish community and city council gave the commission to a Frankfurt architect, Alfred Jacoby. Last May, the foundation stone was laid. On Nov. 9 of this year, the Moorish-style synagogue, graced with 12 stained glass windows produced by British artist Brain Clarke, was declared open.

Jacoby, in a recent letter to this writer, says that the timing was exceedingly appropriate. "In postwar Germany, Kristallnacht has always been a politically relevant date — a moment of remembrance, of shame, but also of reconciliation."

The new synagogue in Darmstadt is not so unusual. Since the war, tens of thousands of Jews have settled in the Federal Republic of Germany, and they, with the assistance of the three levels of government, have built a comparatively viable community from the ashes of Nazism.

Things will never be the same again, but as the Darmstadt case demonstrates, democratic West Germany is trying to make amends for the past.

Germany is not *Judenrein*.

Hitler must be turning in his grave.

An interior view...

Opinion

"I play for the masses"

Funny guy Youngman doesn't stop kibbitzing

Gerry Morris in caricature by Al Hirschfeld.

Comedian Henny Youngman (left) is another giant in the entertainment world interviewed by Gerry Morris (right), New York theatre critic for The Canadian Jewish News.

By
GERRY MORRIS

Prologue

Several weeks after interviewing Henny Youngman, this reporter bumped into an old friend, Milton Berle, at the Beverly Hills Friars Club in California. Berle was in fine form and more than willing to talk about his "young" protege, Henny.

"The first time I met Youngman," he says, "I was playing Loew's State in 1931 and in between shows I'd walk around the corner on 45th St. One day I saw a guy in the window making comedy cards. I mean he had on a little apron and was running a printing machine. I walked in and said, 'Hey, that stuff is pretty funny.' Henny said, 'Oh my God, Milton Berle. I just saw you at the State.'

"We started talking. He said: 'I play the violin with a combo and work weekends up in the mountains. Sometimes I introduce other acts.' "

From there, according to Berle, he told Youngman to visit him at his show and Henny "hung around me for months and months, every place I played he stood in the wings."

"Then I really did Henny a favor — and thank God he lived through it. One of the jobs I got him was in a speakeasy called Abbey on 54th St. Little did I know it was owned 'by the boys' (Mafia). One night, shots rang out when someone tried to kill mobster Dutch Schultz, who was at the bar.

"Henny and I got panicky," said Berle. "We were in the other room and started to run. Run backwards, run forwards, run through the bar, run out the back door and run down 54th St. till 10th Ave., scared out of our wits."

The funniest line Youngman ever said, Berle contended, was at a New York Friars roast about 12 years ago. "I'm introduced as the toastmaster," Berle recalled, "and said, 'Good afternoon.' With that, Youngman jumped up from the table, hit it, and said, 'There goes my opening!' "

In fact, Berle recounted many funny lines that he said at Friars' roasts upon introducing Henny. He once said, "Youngman, if there's a fire in this hotel tonight, we leave this room alphabetically." Or, "I've been his friend for fifty years. And he's been mine for four months."

One of Berle's favorite stories about Henny took place in the 40s at Leon & Eddie's Club in New York, where Milton was host at the Sunday Celebrity Night. Berle had introduced numerous comics to do their schtik, but he purposely didn't introduce Henny. "It was quarter to four in the morning," he said, "and everyone was asking, 'When's Henny going on,' and I said, Ssshh — this is a bit, he's not getting on.' But Henny never asked me a thing. He remained quiet.

"Suddenly through the main door of the club a mounted policeman, on his horse, rides up on stage and yanks me off. Well, it was a scream. Youngman had given him five dollars to do it 'cause he was so mad at me."

With Milton's big 80th birthday bash coming up, is he worried, I ask, about Youngman paying him back with a few prickly barbs? "Here's a man who has turned senility into an art form," he said, smiling with obvious affection.

Thank you, Mr. Berle.

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NEW YORK —

I'm not in Henny Youngman's apartment 10 minutes before I get a whiff of his well known case of telephonitis.

"Excuse me," he says, reaching for the phone. "I have to book a flight. I'm doing a one-nighter in LA this Sunday." "Hello, Delta," he shouts into the phone. "This is Henny Youngman. Can you lend me one hundred dollars, honey? I'm coming right over."

Of course, he's saying all this to me while covering the phone with his hand; when someone finally answers, he switches to a lovable teddy bear voice.

The man whose signature joke "Take My Wife Please!" has been repeated by many a harried husband, is still at it — even at home. It takes three phone lines to cope with all his bookings and his crony calls. His answering service says: "Hello, this is Henny Youngman, King of the One-Liners" (a title coined by Walter Winchell). He's even listed in the Manhattan phone directory. Seems a few years ago, The National Enquirer published his phone number in an article on things you can rent. It claimed you could rent Henny Youngman for $5,000 . . . which is true. "I got 2,000 calls day and night," says Henny, "but very few jobs out of it."

If the money is right, this indefatigable comic will crisscross the continent with his surging stream of gags, delivered at an estimated rate of 300 an hour, pumping out an average of 15 dates a month.

There's a story about the time Henny was playing a date at a New York Hotel, making big bucks. On the way out he gets into the elevator, presses the button and gets off on the wrong floor. He sees a sign that announces the bar mitzvah of the son of "Mr. & Mrs. Levy" and goes into the room introduces himself to Mr. Levy with, "I'm Henny Youngman. Want me to do about fifteen minutes?" So he picks up another $150 and goes home.

Ironically, his own bar mitzvah took place at age 74. The ceremony had been cancelled when he was 13 because of a death in the family. A rabbi went to the night club in Atlantic City where he was appearing to correct the oversight. His boyhood chum, Pinky Pearlman, commonly known as Metropolitan Opera tenor Jan Peerce, officiated as cantor.

Since the death of his wife of 58 years a few years ago, Henny's become his own agent. "She took care of all my bookings and saw that I collected the money," he says. "Nothing really bothers me today, except the loss of my Sadie. I'm still not over it."

Even during the last few years of her life, when she was very ill, Henny recalls that Sadie insisted he keep the "wife jokes" in his routines after her death. "She was a pretty woman, you know," he tells me, "not like the jokes. I used to do jokes like 'I took my wife to a wife-swapping party. I had to throw in some cash' or 'my best friend ran off with my wife, and let me tell you, I miss him.' Sadie would just laugh. She loved those jokes."

Henny and Sadie met when both were working at a 5 & 10 store — she in the cosmetic department, he in the printing department — and "I looked across the counter and there she was," he says. Years later he was rehearsing before airtime on the Kate Smith Show when Sadie showed up backstage with a few friends in tow. Busy, Henny grabbed an usher and said, "Take my wife please!" — and it stuck.

It was on that same Kate Smith Show 50 years ago that Henny was introduced to America. He recalls Kate agreed to give him a vacation on condition he find a substitute. So he located an unknown duo in a Newark burlesque theatre by the names of Abbot & Costello, who after they achieved fame, paid back Youngman by giving him a part in one of their movies, *A Wave, A Wac, and a Marine*. "I thought the story would turn out to be about a Marine who waved at a girl and get a whack," says Henny.

Now with the interview rolling along, Youngman jumps out of his chair and announces that he must go to the bank. "Look," he tells me, "turn on the TV, make yourself at home, I'll be right back." So I oblige. Roaming around his small place, I have the feeling of a home that's been lived in. Silently dishevelled, but full of mementos — clown paintings on every wall. A recent addition is an oil painting, by Leroy Neiman, of Henny in formal attire, with the entire background covered with one-liners.

When Henny finally returns to his apartment an hour later, he's ready to leave again. "Can't talk on an empty stomach!" So we're off on a short walk to the Friars Club, his favorite New York lunch haunt (with plenty of phones).

Next to telling jokes, food is his greatest passion. As we travel along West 55th St., the irascible 82-year-old continues to peel back a few more layers in his nasal voice, waving to the passersby. They inevitably recognize the big man, with the elfin grin and healthy girth and impending sense of mischief scrawled across his face. "Hey, Henny," shouts a well-dressed Wall St. type. "Take my wife, please!"

Henny waves.

We also see panhandlers and poor huddled in doorsteps, and Henny admits that as one who appreciates the love of a good sandwich at his beloved Carnegie Deli, he often gives sandwiches to the homeless people in his neighborhood.

"All during my younger years," he continues, walking in his pigeon-toed gait, "the guys used to call me Hen, short for Henry. It wasn't until I saw it in print that I realized it was a bad name for anyone in show business. So I changed it to Henny. With a name like that you could lay a little egg."

As we enter the hallowed monastery of the Friars Club on East 55th Street, Henny claims that a host of fellow comics and kibbitzers exercise their savage skill in trying to top the monarch. "That's the trouble with talking to people at the Friars," he says, entering the dining room. "You're always tangling with some joker who thinks he's funnier than you. I don't mind his thinking it, but I get damned mad when he's right." He spots the maitre d'. "Can I get a table near the waiter?" he asks.

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Born in London, England, Henny moved to Brooklyn with his family when he was 2, and at 9, he began annoying the neighbors with his fiddle practicing.

He admits he was thrown out of Brooklyn Vocational Trade School for clowning around ("The trouble with going to school is that it breaks up the whole day," he once said); his father then put him in a print-while-you-wait stand in a local five and dime store: Henny didn't like it. "I didn't have any confidence in a business that was run by a guy like me," he says. "In some ways I'm luckier than most. If I couldn't get a job fiddling and telling jokes, I could get a job printing. That also made it possible for me to be out of two jobs . . . which meant I was also twice as broke.

"I'll tell you how come I always use a violin in my act," he says, continuing his saga. "My father wanted me to be a Heifetz. All Jewish immigrant kids were supposed to be violinists. As band leader on the borscht belt (Swanee Syncopaters), I made a few funny sounds on the fiddle. One night a guy didn't show up at the nightclub. The boss said 'Help me out,' so I went on."

Henny's act is and always has been clean — no sex, no profanity, just take the punch line and run. ("Anyone can use profanity — that don't help a joke.") But Henny has nothing against the younger comedians who use 4-letter words in their acts. "None of my business, let them do what they want, he says. "They'll hang themselves somewhere along the line."

"I play for the masses," he continues. "I try to keep the jokes simple so the people in Omaha can understand. For me, every joke is really a picture — you can see it. Like: A man says to another man 'Can you tell me how to get to Central Park?' 'No!' 'Alright, I'll mug you here' or: Two guys in a gym, one putting on a girdle. 'Since when have you been wearing a girdle?' 'Since my wife found it in the glove compartment of our car.' "

Today, besides his act, Henny is working on a new autobiography, called of course, *Take My Wife*. "It's about all the people I met during the 60 years I've been working," says Henny. "About all the gangsters, wise guys, people I was afraid to tell my wife about. I played a lot of tough clubs. Once a guy in one of those clubs wanted to bet me ten dollars that I was dead. I was afraid to bet."

Henny's devoted to his family — son Gary, daughter Marilyn and three grandchildren and has no plans to retire. "To what," he says. "Oblivion?"

Before he gets up to leave, Henny hands me a business card. "Here's my pride and joy," he says. (It's a color snapshot of a bottle of Johnson's Pride furniture polish and a bottle of Joy detergent.)

I laugh and say, "Can I call you for a follow-up in a few weeks?" "Yeah sure," says Henny. "I got a phone in my car. Hit a phone booth last week." Always at it. Funny guy.

Opinion

Altruistic personalities described

Quiet heroes assisted Jews during the Holocaust

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

By the end of 1985, Yad Vashem — the Holocaust memorial museum in Jerusalem — had identified 6,490 non-Jewish men and women who had risked their lives to save Jews during World War II.

These "righteous Gentiles," as they are called, represent but a small proportion of the Europeans who helped Jews in their darkest hour of peril. According to Samuel and Pearl Oliner, somewhere between 50,000 and 500,000 non-Jews were involved. "Although they constituted but a fraction of the total population under Nazi occupation, their significance transcends their numbers," they write in *The Altruistic Personality: Rescuers of Jews in Nazi Europe (Collier Macmillan, $36.25).*

Now a professor of sociology at Humboldt State University, Samuel Oliner is himself a survivor who owes his life to a righteous Gentile. His book, which is based on interviews with 700 persons, mainly from Poland, Germany, France and Holland, is therefore something of a labor of love. More important, ***The Altruistic Personality*** **is the definitive work on the subject. He and his wife, a professor of education at Humboldt State University, have obviously given much of themselves to write this important book.**

In the summer of 1942, when he was 12, Oliner, hugging the tar paper of a sloping roof, watched the Germans and their collaborators take away the last Jews of the Polish village of Bobowa. Oliner's family had already been liquidated.

In desperation, he walked to the nearby village of Bystra, where he had once met a peasant named Balwina. Before being herded into a ghetto, Oliner's grandfather had sold his cow and horse to Balwina, a kindly woman who had served the author milk and cookies.

Now, in 1942, Balwina took him in, gave Oliner a Polish name and taught him catechism and how to read some Polish. After several days, Oliner (alias Jusek Polewski) left her house (he doesn't explain why) and hired himself out as a farm helper to a childless couple living a few kilometres away. From time to time, Balwina sent her young son, Staszek, to visit Oliner, who, despite several brushes with death, managed to survive the brutal Nazi occupation.

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The Oliners dedicate *The Altruistic Personality* to people like Balwina — individuals who helped out of humanitarian considerations, without material rewards whatsoever.

As they put it: "What makes their behavior of particular interest is not only the fact that it was undertaken in the context of terror but that it was undertaken on behalf of an 'outsider' minority group, marginal under normal conditions and increasingly rejected and despised..."

The exact number of rescuers is unlikely to be known, they add, since many perished in the effort and many, out of modesty, simply refused to acknowledge their deeds. Using one rescuer's estimate as a guidepost, Oliner suggests that, in general, it took 10 people to save a single Jew.

Who were these people? The Oliners describe altruistic behavior when (1) it is directed toward helping someone else, (2)it involves a high risk or sacrifice on the part of the rescuer, (3)it is accompanied by no external reward, and (4) it is voluntary.

An altruistic personality, they observe, enjoys a capacity for extensive relationships — a strong sense of attachment to others and a feeling of responsibility for the welfare of others, including those outside his/her immediate family or communal circle.

"The help they extended to Jews was rarely the result of a perception of Jews as particularly worthy, but was rather a reflection of their characteristic ways of determining moral values and actions."

It is worth noting that, prior to the war, the majority of rescuers whom the Oliners interviewed lived among Jews. However, more than 30% did not live among them, more than 40% had no Jewish friends and more than 65% had no Jewish coworkers.

The Oliners report that 33% of the rescuers were at the upper end of the occupational scale, 16% were at the lower end and the remainder were somewhere in the middle.

Their assistance to Jews embraced one or more of four tasks — (1) helping Jews sustain life as they were progressively stripped of their rights, (2) helping Jews escape, (3) smuggling Jews out of the country to safe havens such as Switzerland, Sweden, Spain and Portugal, (4) helping them maintain an underground existance in their homeland.

Although 3% of the rescuers limited their help to a month or less, 56% were involved from 2 to 5 years.

The mere act of maintaining contact was one of the earliest forms of help most rescuers provided. They lent sympathetic ears, counselled, brought gifts of food and provided psychological support.

Lent sympathetic ears, brought gifts of food

An example is cited: When her Jewish neighbor was confronted with restrictions on shopping and services, a Dutch woman not only purchased her food, but did her laundry, got medical prescriptions filled and even borrowed books from the library.

As Jews were deprived of all forms of employment, some rescuers attempted to find them some source of livelihood. When they were fired from public employment, rescuers tried to obtain jobs for them in private enterprises. When they were forbidden to own businesses, some rescuers assumed legal ownership while covertly routing profits to their former proprietors.

In other cases, such as in Poland, rescuers delivered arms to ghetto dwellers.

Since escape was insufficient to ensure survival, Jews were under enormous pressure to find sanctuaries. Hence, rescuers had their work cut out for them.

Rural and isolated places, and heavily forested and mountainous areas, were favorite choices, but they were not always available or accessible. Regions populated by Mediterranean-looking people were safer than those where blond and blue-eyed types prevailed.

Smuggling opportunities were, of course, limited. But Sweden and Switzerland offered safe havens for a while. And Portugal was also safe, if one could get there through Spain. The Spanish authorities, though sympathetic to Nazi Germany, sheltered thousands of Jews. In Italian-occupied Yugoslavia and France, Jews were able to find safety. And in territories under the control of the Soviet Union the same was true. Until the 1944 German invasion, Hungary provided a margin of safety for Jewish refugees.

It goes without saying that rescuers risked their lives and that of their dear ones to help Jews. In Poland, the death penalty was automatically applied if someone was caught harboring a Jew. This dimension of the problem is brought out in a new European film, ***Angry Harvest,*** **now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.**

Armin Mueller-Stahl and Elisabeth Trissenaar seen in a scene from Angry Harvest.

The Oliners write that relationships between rescuer and rescued were sometimes marked by "extraordinary tenderness and love." Some of these attachments predated the rescue, while others followed from it. Particular tenderness was expressed toward children, and these relationships were frequently the hardest to relinquish. Some of the closest attachments were formed between single women and children.

Romantic liaisons, they note, were not uncommon consequences of the rescue act. "The suggestion that they helped because of their love for a particular individual, however, affronts some rescuers. A Polish woman who subsequently married one of the Jewish men she hid expressed great bitterness at those who suggested that she undertook her activities out of erotic love, an interpretation that she felt demeaned her."

With the war over, rescuer and rescued generally parted ways immediately or soon afterwards. A few Jews remained with their rescuers for a few months or a few years and sometimes emigrated with them. Those who married their charges usually accompanied them to Israel.

It is estimated that about 30 rescuers live in Israel today. In the mid-1980s the Knesset granted them honorary citizenship and a monthly allowance from the National Insurance on a par with the average monthly income in Israel.

The vast majority of rescuers stayed where they were and turned their attention to rebuilding their lives.

These quiet heroes had earned the right to peace and tranquility.

Samuel P. Oliner

Pearl M. Oliner

We were ready to follow if only he would have us

By
ELAINE KAHN

It's really too bad I bought my sister a Chanukah present, because she's been bugging me all night to finally say something nice about her in this space and I figure, if I gushed enough now, dayenu.

Actually, given that I hardly ever mention her at all, I don't understand what she's so bugged about.

The problem is that, tonight, she really has me over a barrel. We have just shared a reprise of one of the most significant moments in either of our lives: we've just returned from seeing Leonard Cohen in concert — something we last did almost 14 years ago.

What's worse is that my husband and I had the best seats in the house — front row, middle aisle — and it's all her fault, because of the man she married. He's the one who got the tickets, through a mysterious connection. Last year at this time, he had a book published and mentioned me in the dedication.

Which shows you the lengths she will go to.

Leonard Cohen is the most seductive performer I have ever experienced. His voice, however, is not as good as my sister's.

Not that she can sing.

My sister has aged better . . . unless you find short, dark, craggy middle-aged Jewish men named Leonard irresistible, as I do.

She does, however, have better moves. Well, I mean sometimes she moves too fast and drops things, but the klutziness disappears on a dance floor, where her skills are often X-rated.

Fourteen years ago, Cohen seduced us without moving an inch. His act has gotten slicker. He tries to gyrate. He doesn't know how. I want to put my hands on his shoulders to get him to stop. Essentially, I just want to put my hands on his shoulders.

I want someone to introduce us. I want to be his friend.

My sister wants to be my friend. Small world.

My sister's name is Rochelle/Shel/Shelley. It is a nicer series of names than "Leonard."

I think I have all of Cohen's albums, poems and novels, collected, adored and caressed over the last 20 years. I have my sister's muffin recipe. It is terrific.

Leonard Cohen is a totally mesmerizing personality. If you haven't melted into your seat by intermission, you have no soul. Or nerve endings. Fourteen years ago both my sister and I were ready to abandon our lives and follow him anywhere — if he'd have us.

We both lacked the guts. Then we each married, developed careers, had two kids, bought homes, and got cars, mortgages, gray hairs, VISA cards and kitchens in primary colors. And to think I once thought we had nothing in common!

I don't know quite how to repay my sister for marrying a guy who could get us such nifty seats tonight. I could see every twitch of Cohen's marvelously hooded eyes.

I suppose I could start by agreeing to bury and forget every rotten thing either of us has done, said or implied in the past. Clean slate and all that.

But what's the point of having a sister if you don't share a past? So what if I'm perfect and she's not?

As Bogie said, "We'll always have Cohen. We didn't have it, we'd lost it, until you came to Casablanca. We got it back tonight."

My mother says daily squabbles don't really matter as long as my sister knows I love her.

C'mon, you think I'd even consider sharing Leonard if I didn't?

Opinion

My "Queen's Own" went on war footing

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Beyond question, my friendly readers, the high point of my military experiences, the serious as well as the humorous, was the week (or was it 10 days?) that I and my Queen's Own Rifles reserve regiment spent in the Niagara military camp.

It was our officers' plan to toughen us, feeble reservists, into a fighting force that would handle its arms with skill and speed. And, believe it or not, they largely succeeded in their effort. But let's go back to the beginning.

J. B. Salsberg

The day of our departure was exciting. We, the weak city-types, who were about to be reshaped into "fighting men," arrived with all belongings at the foot of Bay St., where we were to embark on the waiting passenger ship that was plying regularly between Toronto and Queenston, Niagara Falls, etc.

But so did many "sweethearts," girlfriends, wives, mothers, sisters, etc. They made up quite a crowd and they contributed to the creation of the stereotyped atmosphere of British womanhood saying farewell to their fighting men. The waving of handkerchiefs and the throwing of kisses from the wharf as the ship sailed helped to make the humble, unheroic-looking riflemen feel as if they were the real thing. And, why not?

When we arrived at our destination we found a few administration huts, the officers' quarters and scores of empty tents waiting for us to enliven them. And so, my good friends, we who were about to be put to the test, so to speak, filled long sacks with hay (oy vay) which, when spread out on the floor of the tent were to serve as our beds . . . nebech!

What did we do? We did everything we were asked or told to do.

We got up with the sound of the bugle, even before the roosters crowed. We trained and trained after we cleaned up the camp. We marched, we climbed, we crawled, we jumped and we leaped. We learned to take apart and to put together our rifles and Bren guns. What didn't we learn? We even learned to enjoy cold beer in the canteen after long marching in hot afternoons. But, (there is always a but; no?) —

I was still a problem for the officers.

After the first full day my captain did the unusual thing of coming to my tent and, sitting on the ground at the entrance, he engaged me in conversation on life in the Forest Hill area in Toronto, where he lived. It seemed that Jews were moving into Forest Hill in large numbers; that children of a different background attended the same school and the likely problems that could arise and that he enrolled his daughter in a private school. . . .

All that in the "normal" and casual way that men talk to each other. Nu? Nu, nu.

But the high point of my experiences in the military camp was the long march of the entire regiment from our camp to a distant military base.

It was a hot, very hot day. The ranks (that's us plain riflemen) were to be in full battle dress. That meant rifle, knapsack, etc. We marched along side roads of paved, dirt, or gravel variety. Oh, yes; we were to be on the alert against the enemy; crouch and run at intersections, lest the enemy fire at us as we crossed. We took no chances.

After some time our colonel, in a jeep driven by a rifleman, came along, it slowed down when it reached me and the colonel asked how I felt. I answered as I marched, eyes front, that I was fine. Shortly thereafter the colonel arrived again and asked if I wanted an apple. Yes, I said as I marched, if everyone in my company will also get one. He smiled and drove on. The young lad who marched alongside looked up to me smiling and said: "That's telling them, eh?"

A bit later the colonel's jeep arrived again and he asked if I wanted a ride for the rest of the way. No, I told him, I'll continue with my unit. He smiled and drove on.

When we arrived at our destination all the marchers flopped to the grassy ground; all took off their military boots and almost all began to open the blisters that had developed on their soles and to soak their feet in water, while the field kitchen prepared the food.

To use the lingo of the ranks — the brave riflemen of the Queen's Own showed them that it has what it takes! Yes sir, we were ready to take on the enemy anywhere, anytime, (after a few days' rest, of course).

On the return to our own camp we definitely did not march. The Queen's Own didn't need to show off. Its reputation and the brilliant fighting record of the overseas units of the battalion was renowned (and this is very true) so why need we march back?

So, we returned to our camp in trucks and we hit the haysacks on the floor of our tents before we had fully undressed.

It had been a glorious but exhausting day for the brave men of the Queen's Own. The experience was to be told and retold, as such acts of bravery usually are, to children, grandchildren and to the privileged readers of this unique column.

(You will decide how much salt and pepper I added and how much you should add.)

And now, to bed, my dears and sweet dreams to you all. PS: When we returned to Toronto there were no wild crowds to welcome us as conquering heroes. I suppose that it was just the result of the well known military SNAFU.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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SLAMS ORTHODOX "FANATICS"

It is with deep concern that I became aware of the proposed bill before the Israeli Knesset entitled, Who is a Jew. As I understand the thrust of the bill, it will define a Jew as only those who are born of a Jewish mother or those who are converted to Judaism by an Orthodox rabbi.

I am a Reform Jew. I am certain my religious beliefs are as valid as those of the Orthodox.

I am also an adoptive parent and my son will have to be converted to Judaism. My wife and I intend to have an Orthodox conversion.

It distresses me that my son may not be considered Jewish in Israel, because some fanatical rabbi does not deem my son's conversion to be Orthodox enough!

A Jew is not a Jew because of some ritual. A Jew is a Jew because he believes in the teachings of Judaism — be they Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox.

If Israel is to make the claim that it is a Jewish State and the Jewish homeland, then it must be a State for all Jews.

I therefore urge Canadian Jewish Congress to fight vigorously against this bill. I realize that I am only one individual, but I am certain I speak for a large group of Canadian Jews.

Peter D. Vanek
Toronto

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ORTHODOX EXTREMISTS "PIGGISH"

You have received letters recently from Orthodox adherents claiming you are biased when you refer to their extremists in Israel as "ultra-Orthodox" Jews.

I was therefore outraged to read a Reuters news agency report describing how these extremists harassed 100 feminist worshippers from the U.S. and Canada who wore skull caps and prayer shawls as they prayed and read from the Torah in the women's section at Jerusalem's Western Wall.

The pious, black-garbed, extremist Jews reportedly shouted insults as they pounded on the wooden barricades separating male and female worshippers.

One of these men shouted in Hebrew, "The spectacle of a woman carrying the Torah is as scandalous as bringing pigs to the Western Wall."

I wouldn't call these sexist Jews "ultra-Orthodox." I would call them "piggish."

Miriam Simon
Toronto

ORTHODOX SUFFER "SMEAR" CAMPAIGN

Re Paul Lungen's Nov. 24 article headed "WJC makes plea for Jewish unity":

Wolfe Kelman, chairman of the U.S. section of the World Jewish Congress, stated that changes in the Law of Return would "delegitimize and disenfranchise" a large segment of the Jewish community.

This declaration is nothing but the continuation of a smear campaign by Reform and Conservative Jews in the U.S. and Canada directed against Orthodoxy.

Nearly every day the media in these two countries accuse Orthodox Jews of being "right-wing fundamentalists," "Khomeinis" and "medieval and parasitic eccentrics."

These accusers are either misinformed or purposely don't mention that only the "automatic" citizenships of non-Jews who were not converted according to the laws of halacha would be affected. Furthermore, only a very few intend to emigrate to Israel.

They know very well that *every* person, regardless of his or her affiliation to any Jewish sect and who is born a Jew, is eligible for Israeli citizenship.

This anti-Orthodox smear campaign has gone so far that some U.S. congressmen have threatened to withdraw financial support to Israel.

What would they have said if Orthodox Jews had used such tactics?

The media as well as Reform and secular groups should stop their unfounded campaign attacking Orthodox Jews.

Despite what they claim, it's not the Orthodox Jews who are dividing the Jewish community.

It's the fault of these smear campaigners themselves, who are trying to legalize these so-called "conversions" which are not recognized by *all* sections of the Jewish people.

Herman Landau
Toronto

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JB, STOP BASHING SHAMIR!

Re J. B. Salsberg's Nov. 24 column headed "Let's be firm but calm on the Who is Jew issue":

In it Salsberg writes: "Jews who give unstintingly of their time and possessions for Jewish and Israeli causes suddenly felt branded by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's deal with the ultra-Orthodox as second-class Jews!"

Shamir-bashing seems to have become Salsberg's forte.

May he be reminded that, if Reform and Conservative Jews have a right to be different religiously, then so does Israel have a right to be different politically. And no amount of "bribery" — to put it bluntly — should change that.

Get off Mr. Shamir's back, Salsberg, and let Israel breathe freely and democratically.

G. Gordon
Montreal

HURRAH FOR BOOK FAIR

As a parent of three children at Netivot HaTorah School as well as a teacher there, I would like to commend the Toronto Jewish Book Fair for its recent wonderful selection of books for all ages.

Leslie Robbins provided a special treat for the kids and their accompanying Moms! Her storytelling and puppetry kept more than 400 children entertained and glued to their seats.

Lynda Greenberg
Thornhill, Ont.

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Reader won wager, betting that Debra Winger is Jewish.

DEBRA WINGER IS JEWISH

To settle a bet, would you tell us whether Debra Winger, the star of *Terms of Endearment*, is Jewish? I wagered $5 that she is.

Debbie Weinstein
Toronto

Editor's note: *You win. The 33-year-old actress was born in Cleveland, where her father is a distributor of kosher food and her mother is an office manager.*

She left home at 16 to work in an Israeli kibbutz. But she returned to the U.S. within a year to perform in TV commercials and eventually wound up acting in Urban Cowboy, An Officer And A Gentleman and other movies.

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LET'S HELP HANDICAPPED

Re your Nov. 3 editorial headed "Paucity of comment on the handicapped":

As President of the Reena Foundation, I wish to commend The Canadian Jewish News for strongly encouraging greater contact between the synagogues of major communities and people with developmental handicaps.

As you noted in the editorial, progress has been made yet much more can be accomplished.

The Torontonians you spoke about, who regularly attend services at Beth Tzedec, are supported by the Reena Foundation in a nearby home.

The synagogue has been very open and accommodating, as have many other synagogues in our community.

One congregation deserves special mention. It is, of course, Beth Emeth Synagogue and Rabbi Joseph Kelman. Since 1961, the synagogue has housed the Kadima School, which provides a Jewish education for students with disabilities that were previously denied this opportunity.

This is just the first example of the many opportunities Rabbi Kelman and the congregation have provided to people with disabilities and their families to participate more fully in Jewish life.

In the future, as caring members of synagogues make greater efforts to get to know people with developmental handicaps, they will be afforded the full integration in the Jewish community, which is their right and the Jewish community's responsibility.

Harley Mintz
Toronto

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PLO BLOWS HOT WIND

The maelstrom of Middle East problems continues to confuse, excite, and puzzle the Canadian public.

Consider the recent declaration by the Palestine National Council (PNC) of a Palestinian state, along with the acceptance of UN resolutions 242 and 338, implying recognition of the State of Israel, and Yasser Arafat's demand for an international peace conference.

All appear to show moderation, a desire for peace and clearcut steps in that direction — until one examines the context in which they were delivered.

In his remarks, Arafat avows the rights of Palestinians to ownership of Palestine, with Israel an alien intruder and ruthless occupier of the land.

Implied recognition of Israel through the resolutions holds little water when Arafat states that Israel was created in contravention of international law; and that Israel has no moral right to exist, since it was grounded on the removal of Palestinians from their homeland.

If there was any question as to the PNC's recognition of Israel's rights to exist, I suggest it is clarified by Arafat's declaration that the creation of the State of Israel was an act of "organized terror," which belies the Palestinian right to self-determination.

As well, one must take note of what Arafat omitted to say. For nowhere in his remarks was there any indication that the PLO was prepared to forsake its national covenant, which declares the creation of the State of Israel as invalid and specifically demands its destruction.

Once more, Mideast rhetoric is simply hot wind, which blows little real hope of the PNC embarking on constructive negotiations, or signalling any true recognition of the right of Israel to exist as an independent state.

Morley S. Wolfe
Toronto

World-National

Seeks to assist imprisoned Jews

Amnesty International to pressure Syrian govt.

LONDON —

Amnesty International has called on people everywhere to put pressure on the Syrian government in order to assist six Jews who have been imprisoned in the Middle East country without charge for over one year.

The organization wants people to send telegrams, telexes or airmail letters in order to determine the legal status of Albert Laham, Victor Laham, Zaki Mamroud, Eli Swed and Salim Swed, all who have been detained without charge or trial since late 1987, and of Jack Lalo, who was arrested in July.

The latter was reportedly arrested on suspicion of planning to leave the country without a permit. He was supposed to have been taken to 'Adra Civil Prison, initially held incommunicado and tortured.

According to reports received by Amnesty International, Albert and Victor Laham and Zaki Mamroud remain in detention. Mamroud is also believed to be held in 'Adra Civil Prison.

No new information has been recieved regarding the health of the Lahams.

However, according to information supplied to the organization, Faraj Mamroud and Kassem Ghounegeh have been released from detention.

In demanding action from the Syrian government, Amnesty International said the Syrians should be told that unless the detainees are charged with a recognizable criminal offence, they be immediately and unconditionally released. If they are so charged, then they should be given access to lawyers and a fair and prompt trial.

Amnesty International also wants the Syrian government to set up an impartial investigation to examine allegations that Jack Lalo was tortured and that those responsible should be brought to justice.

Finally, the organization would like assurances that the detainees receive proper medical attention.

Meanwhile, the National Task Force for Syrian Jews of Canadian Jewish Congress, which is actively working for the rights of Syrian Jews, has asked rabbis to commemorate Shabbat Zachor in their synagogues on March 18.

"We request that you and your congregation offer prayers for the release of the 4,500 captive Jews in Syria, and we ask you to devote your sermon and Shabbat Zachor to these people," says a task force letter to Canadian rabbis.

Shabbat Zachor — the Shabbat of Remembrance and Prayer — will mark the 15th anniversary of the murder of four young Jewish women from Damascus who were killed trying to escape into Lebanon.

They were betrayed by smugglers who were paid to take them across the border, raped and mutilated, their bodies dumped in sacks in front of their parents' homes.

The Congress task force has, for the past four years, lobbied the department of external affairs to intervene on behalf of 15 single Jewish women and one full family living in Syria, to allow the women to come to Canada to marry.

Congress is concerned that if they are forced to remain in Syria, they will be compelled to intermarry.

The task force letter notes "we have been assured and reassured that our government will be making representations, and that...there might be hope of success. However, the promises continue to be unfulfilled."

The Congress task force is also requesting contributions to aid in the fight for freedom of Syrian Jews and to help supply them religious articles and books.

Tax exempt donations can be sent to The Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, c/o Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto M5P 3K3.

Appeals on behalf of the six Jews imprisoned by the Syrian regime should be made to:

• H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, Presidential Palace, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. Telegrams: President Al-Assad, Damascus, Syria. Telexes: Presdl 419160 SY.

• **H.E. Mahmud Al-Zu'Bi, Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, 'Abu Al-Rahman Shahbandah St. Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. Telegrams: Prime Minister, Damascus, Syria.**

• H.E. Muhammad Harba, Minister of the Interior, Ministry of the Interior, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. Telegrams: Interior Minister, Damascus, Sryia.

• H.E. Dr. Iyad Al-Shatti, Minister of Health, Al-Majlis Al-Niyabi St. Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. Telegrams: Health Minister, Damascus, Syria. Telexes: health 412655 SY.

Amnesty International has also requested that copies of appeals be sent to:

Dr. M. Cherif Bakle, Ordre Des Medecins Syriens, Place De L'Etoile, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic.

• Miss Bushra Kanafani, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, 2215 Wyoming Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008, U.S.A.

Prof. calls for radical reforms in Israeli electoral system

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Israel's electoral system must be radically reformed if the country is to avoid in future the confusing aftermath of this year's election, says an Israeli law professor.

"These elections have demonstrated the total failure of the Israeli electoral system," said Tel Aviv University's Yoram Dinstein at the recent National Leadership Forum on the Middle East, organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation. "Unless it is dramatically changed, we will go from one disaster to another."

Israel needs a system somewhere in between the current proportional election of Knesset members and the British parliamentary system, he said.

He predicted Israel will never have a majority government unless there is change, and governments will continue to be formed with minor, usually extremist, parties holding the balance of power.

Another weakness of the present system is that the average person only votes on the basis of the top people on each party's list and does not even know most of the others running, Dinstein said.

"This encourages the election of second- and third-raters. Many are totally inarticulate and the only thing in their favor is that they are good party henchmen," he said.

Dinstein suggested that Israel should be divided into 40-60 ridings. Another 30 seats could be at large, which, Dinstein believes, would allow the religious and other minor parties a chance to be elected.

Yoram Dinstein

Dinstein is an international law professor and pro-rector of TAU. He is also the Yanowicz Professor of Human Rights at the law faculty.

NRP declines

The strength of the religious parties is not new, Dinstein said. Although the religious parties did not fare as well in the two elections previous to this past one, it is actually the fourth time in Israel's history the religious have won as many as 18 seats, he pointed out. And in two other elections, they took a total of 17 seats.

What is of concern this time around is that the religious vote went largely to "anti-Zionist" parties, rather than the mainstream National Religious Party.

These parties represent Orthodox communities which do not serve in the army, he said, and it is "preposterous" that they are able to sit in the Knesset and decide whether the country should go to war or not.

Dinstein noted that when David Ben-Gurion agreed to exempt the Agudat Yisrael from military service the number affected was a few hundred. In 1988, there are 18,000 Orthodox students and 2,000 rabbis and teachers who do not have to serve in the army.

Dinstein attributed the shift of religious votes from the NRP to the Aguda and similiar ultra-Orthodox parties to the "intellectual bankruptcy" and lack of "charismatic leadership" in the NRP.

Dinstein said the Orthodox parties' demand for amendment of the Law of Return affects only five or six converts seeking to immigrate to Israel annually, but has a far more serious implication.

"It's a signal to most Conservative and Reform rabbis that they are incapable of conversion and any other procedure in Jew law. It's also a slap in the face."

He noted that a non-Jew married to a Jew immigrating to Israel need not convert at all under the Law of Return. Moreover, the children and grandchildren of that couple, though not Jewish according to halacha, are also eligible for automatic citizenship.

Dinstein believes Yitzhak Shamir will be the Prime Minister and that, in the short term, he will form a government with the religious parties. However, that government will be short-lived and Shamir will then "entice Labor with an offer it cannot refuse." This will include offering the defence portfolio to Yitzhak Rabin and the finance ministry, probably to Shimon Peres.

Rabin is Shamir's personal choice for defence, according to Dinstein, rather than Ariel Sharon and Moshe Arens, the other frequently mentioned contenders.

Dinstein believes Labor would not give up an opportunity to control the treasury because the Histadrut, the big labor federation, is "close to bankruptcy." The Histadrut-controlled Koor Industries, which has 30,000 employees, for example, is in serious financial trouble and Labor wants very much to save it.

We are simply overwhelmed by the many moving cards, letters and contributions we received in memory of Bernie. We are unable to answer each one personally.

We thank everyone who gave us support and comfort during our time of sorrow. We gratefully acknowledge and deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness.

The Family of Bernie Vigod

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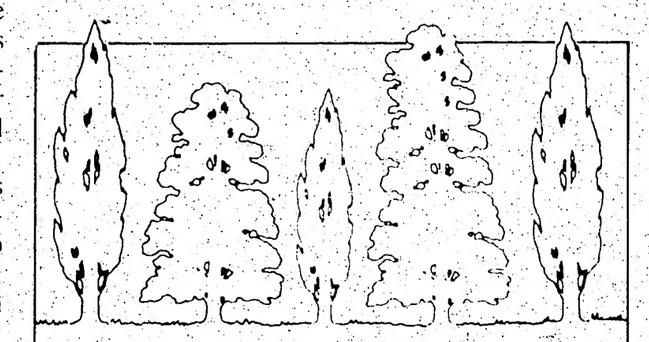

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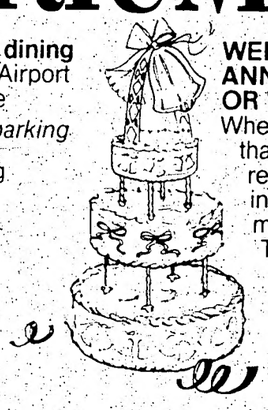

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Arafat said charter nullified, U.S. Jew claims

NEW YORK (JTA) —

An American Jew who took part in talks with Yasser Arafat said the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman considers the PLO covenant, which calls for the elimination of Israel, to be nullified.

In specific reference to recent PLO deliberations at the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers, "Arafat said several times that the PLO charter had been abrogated or nullified — he used both words," Menachem Rosensaft said in a telephone interview from Stockholm.

Rosensaft took part in the talks with Arafat in Stockholm along with four other American Jews. All are affiliated with the American arm of the Tel Aviv-based International Center for Peace in the Middle East. Rosensaft is also president of the Labor Zionist Alliance and founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Holocaust Survivors.

The PLO's continued acceptance of its 20-year-old covenant, which declares armed struggle to be "the only way to liberate Palestine," remains a major stumbling block in Arafat's quest to become a negotiating partner in a peace settlement.

Arafat made no mention of the PLO covenant in a joint statement issued in Stockholm. However, the statement declared that the PLO has "accepted the existence of Israel as a state in the region" and "declared its rejection and condemnation of terrorism in all its forms, including state terrorism."

Furthermore, Arafat told a news conference that the PLO's acceptance of Israel "was clear in the resolutions adopted by the Palestine National Council when we said clearly there are two states in Palestine, a Palestinian state and a Jewish state."

According to Rosensaft Arafat's statement represents "a major step forward in that (it is) the first time the PLO has unambiguously accepted Israel — using the name, not in brackets — as a state.

"I have no reason to believe that he would not say exactly the same words dealing with Israelis" or the American government, Rosensaft added.

Besides Rosensaft, the American participants in the 6½-hour meeting were Rita Hauser, chairwoman of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East; Drora Kass, its executive director; Stanley Sheinbaum, an economist and publisher; and Abraham Udovitch, chairman of the department of Near Eastern studies at Princeton University.

Rosensaft said the meeting with Arafat was initiated by the Swedish government. The Swedes invited Hauser, Kass and Sheinbaum to a meeting with PLO representatives two weeks ago, where a first draft of the statement was completed.

Rosensaft said that a preliminary draft had been relayed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, prior to his decision to deny Arafat a visa to address the United Nations in New York. Shultz expressed astonishment, according to Rosensaft, and asked why the statement had not been made in Algiers.

Rosensaft would not speculate why Arafat chose a meeting with a delegation of American Jews as a forum to make his statement, when the opportunity existed last month at the Algiers meeting.

Nor was he sure whether Arafat would repeat the substance of the statement this week, when he addressed a special session of the UN General Assembly in Geneva.

Rosensaft acknowledged the criticism he faces for engaging in private diplomacy as president of a major American Jewish group and leader of a Holocaust survivors advocacy group.

Rosensaft said he went to Stockholm as an individual and a board member of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, and not on behalf of his other affiliations.

"I knew perfectly well what the reaction would be in the Jewish community. But if I didn't go, I would have no right ever again to talk about the peace process," he said.

Swedish foreign minister Sten Andersson praised Arafat's statement as "a breakthrough in the peace process."

But in Jerusalem, Israel leaders took a much more skeptical view of the Arafat statement.

Speaking on Israel Television, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said it was possible the PLO was hoping to recognize Israel "temporarily, in limited borders."

But he said he doubted the terrorist organization would ever depart from its aim of liquidating Israel. Otherwise the PLO "would cease to exist."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that Arafat's "terrorist" actions speak louder than his words.

"This does nothing to upgrade the ambiguity and doubletalk the PLO has used in Algiers," said a statement issued by Israel's foreign ministry. "We see it as a PLO-Swedish attempt to grant more credibility to the Algiers decision."

Peres added:

"In Sweden, there was an unclear commentary to the ambiguous position of the PNC in Algiers, trying to explain that actually there was more in Algiers than what really was there."

A spokesman for the foreign ministry stated: "What we have in front of us is nothing but an upgrading of the ambiguity and doubletalk the PLO has used in Algiers."

In Washington, reaction was muted. President Ronald Reagan said the United States wanted to study the PLO leader's remarks before drawing any conclusons from them.

"We haven't had time to review what it is he said specifically," Reagan told reporters.

Mainstream American Jewish opinion was generally negative. But Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said Arafat's statement in Stockholm "appears to be a step in the right direction and deserves close study and consideration."

The Reform rabbinical leader said that "ultimately if Yasser Arafat wants peace, he will have to make that peace not with the prime minister of Sweden, nor with the U.S. government, nor with American Jews — however well intentioned — but with Israel itself."

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OTTAWA —

Arafat's statement in Stockholm falls far short of recognizing Israel or sending a clear message of willingness to negotiate directly without preconditions, states Sidney Spivak, national chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee in a letter to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

The re-assertion by the PLO chairman of the PLO's intention to continue terrorist activity in Israel and the territories "is a depressing indication that the PLO has still not decided to seek a peaceful solution," Spivak says.

The PLO must renounce terrorism against Israel and all other targets before it can be accepted as a potential participant in the peace process, he said.

Spivak said the CIC agrees with Clark that a peaceful, just settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the achievement of legitimate Palestinian aspirations, is possible.

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The Stockholm meeting was condemned by Brian Feldman, B'nai B'rith Canada president.

"It is inconceivable that a group of so-called Jewish leaders should be hijacked into conducting foreign policy on behalf of a sovereign state of which they are not even citizens," Feldman said.

Executive Vice-President Frank Dimant added: "These American Jews have become unwitting pawns in the PLO's public relations offensive. They have clearly been manipulated so as to give the appearance that the PLO is a moderate organization and not the terrorist organization it is known all over the world to be.

"I am shocked that these American Jews would meet with Arafat after his embrace of the cold-blooded killer Abu Abbas in Algiers," said Chairman Ralph Snow of the BB Institute for International Affairs. As far as I am concerned they do not represent any responsible segment of the Jewish community and are participating in this meeting for their own political purposes."

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"This meeting with Arafat represents an unprecedented unilateral act and not only undermines the security of the State of Israel, but is sure to have a debilitating impact on the international war against terrorism," the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles said in a statement.

Yehuda Litani of The Jerusalem Post adds:

The Stockholm declaration advances the Palestinian National Council's resolutions a step further. The vague language used in the PNC's Algiers resolutions was clarified and, for the first time, there was an "acceptance" of the State of Israel, though not full recognition of its right to exist.

It seems now that the meeting and the declaration in Stockholm were meant to pave the way for a positive atmosphere for Arafat's speech in Geneva. The declaration is first and foremost addressed to the U.S. and Western Europe in an attempt to seek their support and to bridge the gap between the PLO and Washington.

All Arafat's moves during the last few weeks have been designed to create a breakthrough in American public opinion and to generate a warmer reception from the new U.S. administration. They were not meant to sway the opinions of the Israeli public or government.

Hebrew University expert on Palestinian affairs, Prof. Yehoshua Porat said:

"I think it is another step in the right direction, and together with the previous step taken in Algiers we can see the beginning of a new trend — readiness to seek an arrangement with Israel on the basis of a 2-state solution. Still remaining is the difficult obstacle of the right of return (of Palestinian refugees). Without the renunciation of this clause, it would not be a real change."

Decision on Mohammad deportation due this week

By PHIL FINE

HAMILTON, Ont. —

An immigration department adjudicator here was expected to rule this week whether convicted Palestinian terrorist Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad should be deported.

The ruling will cap a year of legal maneuvering in which Mohammad's lawyers have fought to allow the 46-year-old former member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to stay in Canada.

A deportation order can be appealed to the Immigration Appeal Board and, under certain circumstances, to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa last week unanimously rejected Mohammad's appeal that his hearing was launched unfairly and that it was prejudiced by statements from federal cabinet ministers that Canada wanted him out of the country.

The Greek government last week set free a Palestinian terrorist wanted in Italy in connection with an attack on a Rome synagogue in which a 2-year-old child was murdered.

The move was condemned by the Toronto branch of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre which said the action could have "an unfortunate effect" on the Mohammad case.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. "The Fast of the Tenth" (*Asarah be-Tevet*) commemorates what?
2. What day was declared by the Israel Chief Rabbinate as *Yom ha-Kaddish ha-Kelali* ("Day of general kaddish") for victims of the European Holocaust?
3. Which prophet mentions in his prophecy "the fast of the tenth"?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. The beginning of King Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem.
2. *Asarah be-Tevet* (Dec. 18 in 1988).
3. The prophet Zekhariah (8:19).

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Soviets ask IDF personnel to wear civilian clothes

Israeli rescue, medical team working in Armenia

By
JPFS & JTA

JERUSALEM —

A 40-member civil defence rescue and medical team arrived Sunday morning in the Armenian capital of Yerevan to help in the international aid efforts in the wake of the devastating earthquakes.

The IAF Boeing 707 headed for Yereven was loaded with medical personnel and equipment. The team is headed by the chief of the IDF's Civil Defence Corps, Brig.-Gen. Aharon Vardi.

The Soviet foreign ministry informed both Arye Levin, the Israeli representative in Moscow, as well as the Soviet consular delegation here of their wish to accept Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's offer of assistance. The head of the Soviet mission, Georgi Martirosov, was in close contact during the weekend with foreign ministry deputy director-general Yeshayahu Anug on coordinating the plane's arrival.

The plane's flight route through Turkish air space was coordinated between the airports authorities of both countries.

An IDF "documentation team," consisting of a reporter, photographer and recording technician is with the rescue group. The team is made up exclusively of regular soldiers and civilians who volunteered for reserve duty.

An IDF spokesman said members of the rescue team were veterans of the rescue operations mounted after the two disasters in Tyre — an accident on Nov. 11, 1982 and terror attack on Nov. 4, 1983 — and after the earthquake in Mexico in 1985.

"Our men have a lot of experience," the spokesman said.

In Jerusalem, a special prayer service and procession for victims of the earthquake in Soviet Armenia and ethnic violence in Azerbaijan was held Sunday morning in the Old City's Armenian Quarter. In a letter to the Armenian patriarch, Yeghishe Derderian, Mayor Teddy Kollek expressed his "shock and sorrow" over the disaster and said that the municipality would like to make a symbolic contribution to the special aid fund that has been created to send medical supplies to the stricken area.

The Magen David Adom, Israel's Red Cross equivalent, flew trained personnel, blood and plasma to the region on Monday. The blood was collected in a countrywide emergency campaign the MDA conducted over the weekend.

The Soviet authorities responded quickly and thankfully to Israel's prompt offer of assistance. They asked only one condition — that the IDF personnel travel in civilian clothes.

It was the second time in 10 days that Moscow expressed gratitude to Israel.

On Dec. 2, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze publicly commended the Israeli government for the "noble and humanitarian way" it handled an incident involving five Soviet nationals who were flown to Israel after seizing child hostages in Soviet Georgia.

The IDF brought in a wide range of equipment to Soviet Armenia. It includes dogs trained to sniff out buried bodies and giant air bags capable of lifting concrete blocks weighing many tons.

Not all of the Israeli aid is official. Peace activist Abie Nathan is planning to fly in privately donated medical equipment and tent cities to house the homeless. He is working in cooperation with the Armenian Church leadership in Jerusalem.

Helena Kenvin, president of the Caucasus Network, which focuses its efforts on Jews in the Soviet Caucasus, said there are 1,000 Jews in Armenia, most of whom live in Yerevan, which was not severely affected by the earthquake.

Court reserves judgment on Ross probe authority

MONCTON, NB —

A New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench justice has reserved judgment on whether a provincial human rights inquiry has the jurisdiction to investigate the Malcolm Ross case.

Lawyers representing Ross, a controversial school teacher who has published allegedly anti-semitic material, the District 15 school board which employs him and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation argued the Human Rights Commission's 1-man board of inquiry did not have authority to conduct an investigation.

Legal counsel for the Commission, for David Attis, the man who laid the complaint against the school board, the labor and education ministries presented legal arguments backing the jurisdiction of the inquiry.

Ross, speaking in court on his own behalf, said he had done no intentional harm to Attis or his children and that his writings are not hate literature but a reflection of deeply held religious convictions.

Ross, a remedial studies teacher in Moncton, has published books and letters alleging a worldwide Jewish plot to undermine Christianity and take over the world. The Holocaust was manufactured to gain sympathy for Jews, he alleges.

Attis laid the complaint against the school board, which hires Ross, arguing the board is not providing public services free from bias or discrimination, contrary to the province's Human Rights Act.

Anti-discrimination law in Manitoba

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Manitoba government proclaimed the Discriminatory Business Practices Act recently which outlaws discriminatory business practices with specific reference to race, creed, color, nationality, ancestry, place of origin, sex or geographical location.

Similar to the Ontario Law of the same name, the Manitoba legislation was passed on July 17, 1987, in response to the MTX scandal in 1986. MTX, a Manitoba Telephone System subsidiary, had been contracted to do some work for the government of Saudi Arabia. The Saudis stipulated no Jewish or female employees were acceptable.

The MTX affair turned out to be a financial as well as a social scandal. The uproar over a crown corporation cooperating in discrimination against women and Jews forced Manitoba's New Democratic administration of the day to draft new legislation to prevent the situation occurring again.

There is a potential loophole in the legislation.

In case a Manitoba employee may not be able "to meet visa requirements" of a foreign country, there is a clause which states the employer must offer that employee "the next equivalent employment opportunity for which he or she is qualified."

BB gives donation for Armenia

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Canada president Dr. Brian Feldman has announced a check in the amount of $1,000 has been sent in response to an appeal by the Armenian Community Assistance Fund here to aid victims of last week's earthquakes.

In making the announcement Dr. Feldman said the B'nai B'rith's contribution through its humanitarian relief fund "reflects the organization's motto of people helping people."

Schwammberger extradition okayed

NEW YORK (JTA) —

An Argentine judge has approved the extradition to West Germany of accused Nazi war criminal Joseph Schwammberger.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported that Argentine Federal Judge Vincente Bretal of La Plata ruled in favor of the extradition of Schwammberger, 76, who is accused of brutally shooting and torturing hundreds of Jews in Poland as commandant of a ghetto and several labor camps during World War II.

Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, ADL Latin American Affairs director who visited Argentina two weeks ago to discuss suspected fugitive Nazis in that country, received the news by phone from Argentine Attorney General Andres Jose D'Alessio.

D'Alessio, who had discussed the Schwammberger case with Rosenthal in Argentina, said an appeal was anticipated but that he expects that Schwammberger will have his citizenship revoked and that he will be deported to West Germany.

D'Alessio said the first appeal decision would probably come in around March.

"We are very pleased by the court's decision and we are confident that the decision will be upheld by the appeals court," said Rosenthal.

The West German government first requested Schwammberger's extradition 14 years ago.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Bronfman sees improved emigration

Soviet scene surveyed

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chief officer of the Seagram empire, said that the Diaspora has been given an opportunity "to teach (Soviet Jews) Judaism" after some 70 years of state-sanctioned atheism.

"This is our task right now," he stated.

"I say to activists: 'Now is the time for a different kind of activism — Let my people be Jews, not Let my people go.' That's what activism has to be all about — to bring Judaism to the Jews (of the Soviet Union)."

At a press conference, Bronfman said the Soviet Jewry movement abroad should "acknowledge" the changes taking place in the Soviet Union since *glasnost* and *perestroika* were unveiled several years ago.

No longer is it necessary "to agitate" against Moscow, he suggested. Now is the time "to bring back Judaism to a population that hasn't known Judaism in 70 years."

Bronfman, who met recently with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Moscow, commented that Gorbachev deserved the help of the West in his quest to reform Soviet society. He said consideration should be given to lifting trade restrictions against the Soviet Union.

Calling for greater understanding between the Soviet Union and Canada and the Soviet Union and the U.S., Bronfman speculated that a new wave of domestic repression and a regression in human rights progress could well be the result if Gorbachev is toppled by his conservative opponents.

In a reference to Jewish emigration patterns, Bronfman said he expects the authorities to permit up to 30,000 Jews to leave annually.

He did not know whether Moscow would allow as many as 50,000 to leave — a figure that was reached in 1979.

"No one knows how many Jews want to emigrate."

Bronfman said he believes the Soviet Union is serious about complying with the Helsinki Final Act on human rights. "Human rights is on the ascendancy there..."

Bronfman urged the Israeli government not to amend the Law of Return to the detriment of Reform and Conservative converts. "I see nothing good in it."

Speaking of the Who is a Jew controversy in general, Bronfman described it as "a narrow-based little thing blown out of all proportion."

Bronfman, calling himself a secular but traditional Jew, said the controversy did not belong in the Knesset, had needlessly inflamed passions and had "gotten out of control."

Asked what consequences would flow from a decision by an Israeli government to amend the Law of Return, Bronfman said it would split world Jewry, cause a "big drop" in "monetary support" by Diaspora Jewry and weaken American backing of Israel.

Who is a Jew, he said, is basically an halachic question. "It's more of a quarrel among rabbis than Jews." And, he added, it affects a minuscule number of people.

Bronfman, terming it "an hysterical issue" as well as "a bit of a non-issue," called on the Israeli rabbinate to deal with it in a "sensible and practical way."

The rabbinate has, in the past, come to grips with problems raised by the Jewishness of Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants. Why, he asked, could the rabbinate not solve the current problem?

"Let's sit down and solve this problem in a practical, easy way... Let's calm things down. Somehow, it has to be defused."

Bronfman said he kept his views on Who is a Jew to himself until now, but had gone public because of what has transpired in Israel since the inconclusive Nov. 1 election.

"Jewish unity is terribly important," he said. "We can't allow this issue to split the Jewish people apart."

The Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Shamir, would "be delighted" if it "went away."

Bronfman said that any "narrow-based" Israeli government "would be by definition short-lived." Most Israelis, he said, want a broad-based government.

Turning to the Middle East, Bronfman said he could see a basis for negotiations if the PLO accepted Israel explicitly and renounced terrorism everywhere.

"So far, the PLO hasn't placed the ball squarely in Israel's court."

He agreed with the decision by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to deny a visa to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to address the United Nations in New York. "I was happy Shultz didn't give Arafat a visa."

However, if he had been Shultz, he would have given Arafat the chance to recognize Israel unequivocably before he denied him a visa.

Labor and Likud discuss coalition

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Likud, for its part, is determined that Peres will not pursue separate policy initiatives in a new coalition as he did in the outgoing one.

His espousal of an international conference for Middle East peace was the most outstanding example. It is adamantly opposed by Likud. Shamir is said to be against Peres becoming foreign minister again.

The religious parties, it is believed, understand that their agreements with Likud would have to be revised and scaled down, if there is a coalition with Labor.

The Agudat Yisrael party nevertheless insists that Likud honor its promise to push the Who Is a Jew amendment through the Knesset.

But the Agudah and the other religious parties acknowledge they will receive fewer ministries and other government positions in a broad-based government than in partnership with Likud alone.

Shamir, nevertheless, is continuing his efforts to put together a coalition with the religious and secular right, if only because it would strengthen his hand in the talks with Labor.

Meanwhile, there is heavy pressure reported on Peres from the kibbutz movement and Histadrut, two of the most powerful Labor constituencies, for him to relinquish the foreign ministry and accept the finance ministry for Labor instead.

It is believed Rabin would stay on as defence minister in a Likud-Labor coalition.

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AJCS tries to clear air

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In our earliest published statements on this question we at AJCS have made it abundantly clear that we speak for a "significant majority" of Montreal's Jews who are concerned by the divisiveness this issue has created and who believe that the unity of the Jewish people is paramount. We have never claimed to speak for everyone and respect the right of members of the community to express their opinions on the matter. We object to the use of invective falsely characterizing us as "interfering in the internal affairs of the State of Israel."

If any "hysteria" has been created we would submit that it has not come from either AJCS or the Council of Jewish Federations.

AJCS executive director, John R. Fishel and I joined the delegations of seven other North American cities in a mission to Israel at the end of November. We met with Israeli leadership and were impressed to discover that despite political and religious differences, so many endorsed taking the matter off the political agenda. In particular we were touched by the responses of Israel's two Chief Rabbis. They believe, as we do, that it is a matter to be settled by religious authorities.

We also met with Rabbi Menahem Porush, leader of Agudath Israel. He acknowledges that it was he who was instrumental in bringing the question to the Knesset. He was visibly moved by our concern and told us that he realized the issue was not cut and dried and that he recognized that the matter requires "serious reconsideration as to all its potential impacts."

Before our delegation went to Israel we held a meeting with members of the Board of Jewish Ministers and the Rabbinical Council of Montreal. Our visit was made with the knowledge of the Montreal rabbinate. Although some members of the rabbinate may have objected to our trip, it was far from being unanimous. During our mission we tried, as we always do, to act as a moderating force on an issue that concerns so many members of our community.

To wish to see a potentially hugely divisive issue removed as a political football is not interference in the affairs of Israel and is certainly not an indication, in any manner, of being against halacha.

We are hurt by the accusations attributed in your paper to Rabbis Hauer, Kaufman, Sabbah and Berger and Mr. Essiminy. Their feelings on the matter are very strong and it is possible that passion clouded their interpretations of our statements and actions.

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But two members of family continue

Heart pains force end to Refusenik hunger strike

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Heart pains have forced Moscow Refusenik Inna Ioffe Uspensky to quit her 12-day-old hunger strike, while her husband and son continue their fast, says a leading Soviet Jewry activist.

So far the family, which began a hunger strike on Nov. 24, has heard nothing from Soviet authorities, says Genya Intrator, of Toronto.

However, Inna told Intrator that her husband, Igor, 49, and their 19-year-old son, Slava, are faring well and appreciate the efforts of Soviet Jewry activists abroad who are publicizing their situation, lobbying politicians and sending messages of support.

The two are on a hunger strike to draw attention to the plight of Slava, who is a 3rd generation Refusenik.

"He is a very strong man and he's studying Torah all the time, despite the fact he's on a hunger strike," Inna said of her son.

But Slava is too weak to attend the local Hebrew school where he usually teaches children aged eight to 12, she said in the call made on behalf of Beth Tzedec Congregation. Shul president Marvin Miller also joined in on the conversation.

Inna and Igor, both biologists, have been waiting since 1979 to emigrate to Israel. The family, including Igor's 76-year-old retired biologist mother, Irina Voronkevich, want to join Inna's renowned mathematician brother, Alexander Ioffe, who immigrated earlier this year.

The Uspenskys also recently spoke to politicians and dignitaries at a special event held at Queen's Park in Toronto.

Among those to attend were MPPs Richard Allen, Donald Cousens and Steven Offer, co-chairmen of the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry, authors June Callwood and Robert Fulford, and Canon John Erb, chairman of the Toronto Interfaith Council on Soviet Jewry.

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Canadian cantors David Bagley, of Toronto, and Ya'acov Motzen, of Hampstead, Que., recently returned from a 9-day visit to the USSR where they performed in concerts.

"This is a very historic moment that I will never forget," a joyful Bagley told a Novosti Press reporter following the first cantorial concert at the Moscow Synagogue.

More than 600 Jews attended the concert with proceeds going to help Soviet children's hospitals.

The cantors, along with two others from the United States, also visited Leningrad, Romania and Israel.

The trip was organized with the help of Soviet authorities, Moscow's Chief Rabbi, Adolf Sayevitch, and Miami Beach's Gila and Haim Wiener Foundation for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts.

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More than 500 people recently turned out for an outdoor Chanukah menorah lighting ceremony at the northeast corner of Bathurst St. and Rockford Rd. in Toronto.

The event — organized by the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto — featured dancing in the street to live music and a feast of latkes, cake and fruit served in donated space at a nearby plaza owned by Larry Rachlin.

Speakers included North York Mayor Mel Lastman; psychologist Leo Speiner; Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, of the Jewish Russian centre; and Rabbi Raphael Marcus, of B'nai Torah Congregation.

Lastman, who lit the 11-foot-high outdoor menorah, North York's largest, invited spectators, many of whom were Soviet Jewish immigrants, to use North York's facilities.

He also expressed an interest in erecting a similar outdoor menorah at the new North York City Hall complex, Zaltzman said.

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Soviet officials are more open to allowing Jews to observe their religion, but there's still a long way to go before religious freedom flourishes, said delegates at a recent U.S.-USSR Emerging Leaders Summit held in Philadelphia.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman lights his city's largest outdoor menorah. [Zephyr Studios photo]

About 320 people attended the week-long conference which was sponsored by the American Center for International Leadership, of Columbus, Ind., and the Committee of Youth Organizations, of the USSR, says a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

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Moscow Refusenik Vladimir Kislik has been unanimously elected a board member of the Montreal Branch of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Kislik, a physicist whose secrecy classification was recently lifted by the OVIR exit visa office, was also named a member of the board's academic liaison committee, says a news release.

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About 80 people recently attended a special International Human Rights Day program organized by the Toronto Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Guest speaker Robert Fulford said the issue of freedom to leave a country "underscores the universal importance of the Refusenik movement and its many supporters abroad."

Countries who allow their citizens to leave have passed the "first test of civilized behavior," the well known author and journalist told the crowd.

Nations who don't allow such movement are "reactionary," "cruel" and "uncivilized," said Fulford, who visited the USSR earlier this year.

At the moment the Soviet system is based on lies and police power, and Soviet authorities' denials of exit visas to Refuseniks on grounds they possess state secrets is a perfect example, he said.

If people actually possessed state secrets they could be debriefed by visitors to the USSR, including American CIA agents, "any hour of the day," Fulford said.

Other speakers included Shelley Hornstein-Rabinovich, Nita Goldband, Lorraine Berk and Eti Young.

The program also featured a telephone call to former Refusenik Rianna Royak in Israel and to her husband, Viacheslav, in Bendery, who still hasn't been permitted to join his wife and children.

Senate head seen as strong Israel backer

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Sen. George Mitchell (D-Maine), who is considered a strong supporter of Israel, has been elected Senate majority leader.

The 55 Democrats in the new Senate, which takes office in January, gave Mitchell a unanimous vote on the second ballot. He won 28 votes, one short of a majority, on the first ballot of the 3-way race.

Pro-Israel supporters saw the election as a no-lose proposition, since the other contenders were Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, one of the Senate's leading advocates of Israel, and Sen. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, who also has a pro-Israel record.

Mitchell, who is of Lebanese descent, has supported aid to Israel, as well as foreign aid in general. He has opposed arms sales to the Arab countries, signing many of the congressional letters to the Reagan administration against such sales.

However, Mitchell was not among the 51 senators who wrote President Ronald Reagan in September to reject any application from Yasser Arafat to enter the U.S.

He has taken a tough stand against chemical warfare, urging both the United Nations and the Reagan administration to take steps against Iraq for the use of chemical weapons.

Senate Republicans re-elected Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, another leading supporter of Israel, as the minority leader.

Mitchell succeeds Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), who stepped down after 12 years in the post. Byrd will now become chairman of the powerful Senate appropriations committee, as well as president pro tempore of the Senate, a largely ceremonial role.

The 55-year-old Mitchell is expected to become the major national voice for the Democratic Party, since he is much more effective on television than House Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas).

Mitchell comes across on television as cool and thoughtful, a demeanor he demonstrated as one of the most effective questioners on the congressional committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair.

Before his election as majority leader, Mitchell was endorsed by Herbert Kohl of Wisconsin, one of eight Jews in the new Senate. Kohl was the only one of the five newcomers elected to the Senate to endorse publicly one of the three candidates.

Pickering, Mosbacher choices received with special interest

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — President-elect George Bush's appointment of the ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, as the U.S. envoy to the United Nations, and Texas oilman Robert Mosbacher as secretary of commerce were received with special interest in pro-Israel and Jewish circles.

Pickering, who is 57, succeeds Vernon Walters, who has been in the UN post for the past four years. Pickering, the most senior of foreign service officers, was assigned to Tel Aviv in 1986.

Israeli sources here welcomed the choice of Pickering, pointing out that his knowledge of Israeli affairs and the Middle East problems make him highly qualified to deal with issues affecting Israel in the coming years. Some pro-Israelis, however, expressed concern about his outspoken comments on Israel's handling of the West Bank/Gaza uprising. Strain, they said, developed with Israeli officials who believed his criticism should not have been made publicly.

Pickering, who was born in Orange, NJ, joined the foreign service in 1959. His assignments included being ambassador to Jordan in 1974-78. He went to Israel from the post of ambassador in El Salvador.

Mosbacher, 61, is a longtime friend of Bush and was national finance chairman of his presidential campaign. He will take over Commerce from William Verity, a former steel company executive.

Mosbacher, born in Mt. Vernon, NY, is the son of Emil and Gertrude Schwartz Mosbacher. He is an independent oil and gas producer with offices in Houston and Washington and a past chairman of the National Petroleum Council.

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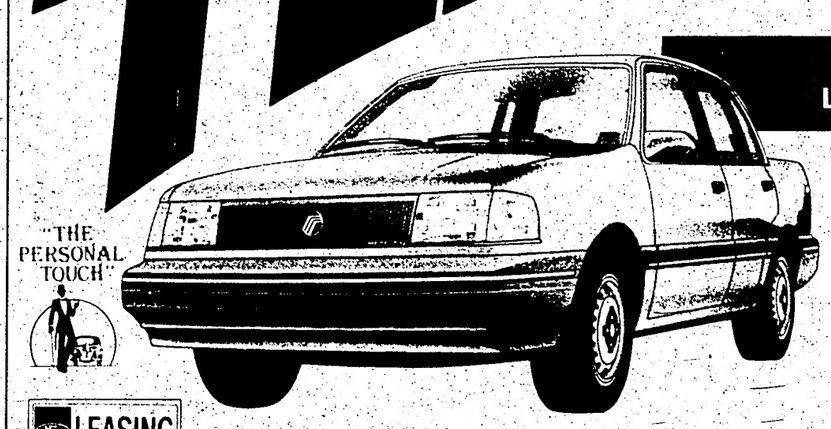

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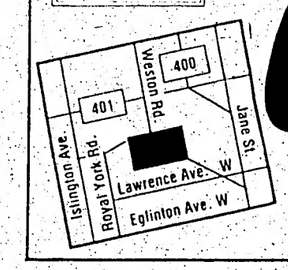

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14 years of Soviet refusal over

JWF celebrates visa grant

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Toronto's Jewish Women's Federation has been celebrating since the organization's adopted Refusenik, Elena Keis of Leningrad, received permission to leave the Soviet Union for Israel (CJN Nov. 10).

And those behind the vigorous campaign for Keis' release say the news from the Soviet Union was a shining example of what pressure from the West can accomplish in a country that may have glasnost but is still sensitive to negative publicity.

When word that Keis, her husband Georgi and their son Andrei had received their exit visas reached the JWF, "we were afraid to be happy," says JWF president Etty Danzig. "I didn't know whether her husband and son were included."

Recalls Hilda Cohen, chairman of the group's Refusenik committee, "We thought it was just another game the Soviets were playing; that they were going to split up the family."

Not long after Keis got the news, the JWF telephoned her. Danzig remembers her words: "Oh my dears, I just can't believe it. I will never forget what you have done for me."

The JWF, representing 20,000 women in Toronto in 52 organizations, took the matter on as a pilot project to promote the adoption of Refuseniks among its affiliates. Now that Keis and her family will leave, probably sometime in the new year, the JWF will explore the possibility of adopting another Refusenik.

JWF president Etty Danzig (left) and Refusenik committee chairman Hilda Cohen talking to Elena Keis.

Keis, a 46-year-old radio engineer, had been in refusal since 1974 on grounds she was privy to secret knowledge. Her situation became urgent, however, with the approaching 18th birthday of her son.

That would have made him eligible to be drafted into the Soviet Army. Had that happened, Andrei would have had to serve for two years and wait another seven after that before reapplying for a visa.

Keis' secrecy status was lifted two weeks before she obtained her visa. Her husband, who was also denied permission to leave on secrecy grounds, had his status cleared six months prior to the exit visa being granted.

Last summer, a JWF delegation brought Keis' plight to the attention of Soviet embassy officials in Ottawa, who promised to look into the matter.

In July, a booklet of Keis' poems, entitled Believe Me Sister, was translated, published and distributed internationally by JWF.

The six poems are emotional appeals for freedom and somber depictions of life in refusal. "Refusal is night without break," she wrote. "It is fire without the flame. Refusal — my planet. Refusal — my trap."

The booklet became so popular, it is now in its second printing.

At the height of the appeal for Keis, four telegrams a day were sent to Soviet authorities for three months. As well, scores of letters were sent to high officials across North America, including Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Kitty Dukakis, wife of former U.S. presidential contender Michael Dukakis, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. All responded with letters of support.

Danzig says Keis has expressed interest in coming to visit her friends and supporters and Toronto when she makes her trip outside Israel.

In their telephone conversation, says Cohen, Keis said that "as long as there's one Jew being held prisoner in the Soviet Union, we have an obligation to help. She said we can never become complacent."

Rabbi opposes changes to law

TORONTO —
Legislation should not be used to amend the Law of Return in Israel, says Rabbi Noah Weinberg, dean and founder of Aish HaTorah.

Weinberg, visiting from Jerusalem, addressed the Canadian Friends of Aish HaTorah recently at the offices of Counsel Trust Corp. He was quoted by Rabbi Shalom Schwarz, director of Aish HaTorah in Toronto as saying:

"Aish HaTorah feels the events currently unfolding in regards to the 'Who is a Jew' issue are proving tragic for the entire Jewish people.

"Halacha should not be a part of the Knesset mandate. The Halacha stands on its own and we who believe in Halacha should turn to education rather than legislation, to find a solution to the problem," Weinberg said.

Rabbi Noah Weinberg

Philosophy in Ascent

SAFAD —
Jewish philosophy, customs, prayers and traditions are some of the many offerings found in Ascent, a quarterly publication of the non-profit, Safad-based Ascent Institute.

The English language journal is designed to inform people of the institute's activities and to maintain ties with both its supporters and ex-students.

The institute itself, founded six years ago and directed by Rabbi Shaul Leiter, offers seminars — primarily for Jews with little Jewish background — on Jewish lifestyle, mysticism and related subjects.

Ascent's fall issue features an article on the Siddur's 18 morning blessings, an analysis of the Tanach's description of Eretz Israel and instructions on staging a melaveh malka.

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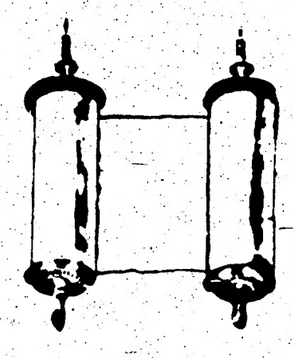

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayigash

Sadness and bitterness leads to envy. A Jew who has faith is always joyous.

Reb Baruch Mordechai to Koidnuv said his father — Rabbi Shlomo Chaim — chastized him constantly for his melancholy disposition — he was always sad.

Rabbi Gottesman

"But I have so many other faults;" said Reb Baruch, "why do you only correct me for my sadness?"

Answered the father: "For your other faults and weaknesses, there is hope that you will do *teshuvah* (repent). But for the weak trait of always being sad it may fall out that you will never recognize what a bad thing it is!"

And Reb Baruch Mordechai, after reciting the story to his chassidim went on to explain. "So also, when Joseph finally revealed himself to his brothers, he said to them: *'Vi'atah . . . al ti'atzvu* Now, do not be sad, and may your eyes not be angry. . . .' (Breshit 45:5)

Joseph was speaking to his brothers, calling them to do teshuvah: But what was his first call? "*Vi'atah*! . . . Be happy! Don't worry! Have faith!" (Mee'mayanot Hanretzach)

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Happiness comes from love, love of God, love of family, love of husband and wife, love of friends. Where there is no love, there is . . . emptiness that all the real estate and stocks cannot fill.

Consider . . . in this week's parsha, Joseph confronts his brothers after 22 years of hardship. He has disguised himself, and only now, after putting them to a severe test to see their feelings, he sends out all the Egyptians and announces to their astonishment:

"*Anee Yoseph! Ha'od avee chai*! I am Joseph! Is my father still alive!" (Breshit 45:3) Strange question! Had not the brothers told Joseph countless times that their father was alive? Had they not discussed it in front of him? What is this sudden wonder — "Is my father still alive?"

But — explains Rabbi Shalom of Barnovitz — Joseph was asking a new question. Is my father still alive? Does he still feel towards me like a father to a son? Have the time and distance killed the affection a father has for a child? Such a loss would be unbearable!

And what about Joseph's own feelings? That also concerned him. "Is my father still alive?" he asked his brothers. How has what you did to me affected my own emotions, my own attachment? And Joseph had much reason to question himself. For . . . when the brothers stood before him had they not called their father — Joseph's father — "*avdecha aveenu* . . . our father, your servant?" Joseph the tzaddikk, the pious one, had heard his father being called his servant — and he didn't protest! He just sat there! Where were his feelings?

Joseph confronted his brothers and asked: "Is my father still alive in my heart? The love? Or have you killed that?"

Love, love of a parent to a child, love of a child to a parent. When we are young, we are helpless. We would starve. We drool. We soil our diapers. We are foolish and helpless. And then we grow older, teen-agers, young men and women. Life is a blind maze, and we think we know everything when we are still dumb and unknowing. Who watches us? Who cares for us? Who works like dogs for us? Who loses sleep and health for us? Our parents. Our parents. We are their lives, their hope.

And then . . . suddenly, the role reverses. We are the cool ones, the successful ones, the powerful ones, the computer whizzes, the business giants, the legal beagles, the great doctors, the busy parents, the writers. And our parents? Then the roles are reversed. They become the helpless ones, sometimes. The parents become the children. The givers become the takers. What is our response?

We have a choice. We can ignore them. We can be too busy for them. We can put them on an institutional shelf, visit them politely Chanukah and Mother's Day. Or . . . we can act as Jews should.

"Ha'od avee chai!" Is our father still alive in our hearts? Our mothers? Will we be mentschen, or will we shirk our duty?

We must be worthy. Shabbat Shalom.

Need for adequate facilities

JCC launches capital campaign

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre successfully launched its "Fulfilling the Vision" capital campaign at a recent reception at the home of Anne and Bernard Kamin, president of the Centre.

The announcement that the one-third mark of the $7 million goal had been reached was met with considerable satisfaction and tribute was paid to the volunteer leadership whose efforts made the achievement possible.

Highlighted at the campaign opener were a number of contributions, particularly those of Ed Cogan to honor his mother, Mary, for whom the future state-of-the-art Women's Health Club at the northern branch is to be dedicated.

Noted as well was the donation of the Korenblum family to dedicate the Henry Korenblum Family Sports Injury Clinic in memory of the late Henry Korenblum. This unique resource is fast becoming recognized as a leader in its specialized field, those present were told.

Among the special guests in attendance were Mary and her husband Jack, as well as members of the Korenblum family: Mrs. (Henry) Zelda Korenblum, daughters Elli, Shirley Wasserman, her husband Elliot. Youngest daughters Dianne and Linda Goldberg and her husband Gary were unable to attend.

The $7 million minimum target of the campaign reflects the urgent need to provide adequate facilities and back-up resources to meet the spectrum of social, physical, cultural and spiritual requirements of the Centre's 14,000 members the reception was told.

The JCC is a central Jewish communal agency attracting tens of thousands to special programs and events. Further, its consistent efforts to reach out to those in newly developing geographic areas, as well as those with special needs has earned the agency particular recognition.

The renovations, upgrading and expansion, already visible, are the most recent commitments by the Jewish Community Centre to its continuing mission, initiated 70 years ago, to serve the Toronto Jewish community.

This has been seen on Beverley St. further developed on Brunswick Ave., followed by the expanded Bloor-Spadina Y, and later by the northern branch, Posluns Theatre wing, the Koffler Centre of the Arts on Bathurst St. north, and the North East Branch in Markham, speakers said.

"As the end of yet another era approaches, and a new century dawns, the special challenge for the Jewish Community Centre is to ensure that it is strategically positioned to meet both the challenges of financial viability, and of the growing, more varied and sophisticated demands which a diverse membership poses. The drive is the response to those double-edged challenges," Kamin told his guests.

He also spoke about facilities recently completed, the work in progress, or being planned, to meet such disparate requirements as — upgraded men's and women's health clubs at the Bloor and North Y buildings, physical education and specialty sports areas, day care and senior adult centres, day camp, lobbies, lounges, meeting rooms, auditoriums, agency communications and administrative offices.

Seen at the Jewish Community Centre campaign opening are (from left) Bernard Kamin, Zelda Korenblum, Mary Cogan and Harold Green.

Multi-phase drive planned

JCC executive director Paul Brownstein also referred to "the reality that the financial requirements to meet these obligations must be available to ensure the integrity, effectiveness and efficiency of the JCC operators."

A multi-phased drive is planned and major contributors are being offered a choice of a wide range of facilities they might wish to dedicate in honor of or in memory of colleagues or family.

Each of the branches is poised to conduct in-house drives. Members or communal supporters, separately and together, are organizing to ensure that the necessary resources will be available to maintain the highest level of facilities and programming, the reception was told.

Planning, monitoring and supporting the campaign volunteer corps is a cabinet headed by Kamin and including Harold Green, leader of the campaign major gift solicitors, as well as Carl Epstein, Hersh Fogel, David Guttman, Richard Lorie, Martin Mendelow, David Perlmutter, Lil Rose, Nancy Saks, Alan Zender, Brownstein and campaign consultant, Rupert Shriar.

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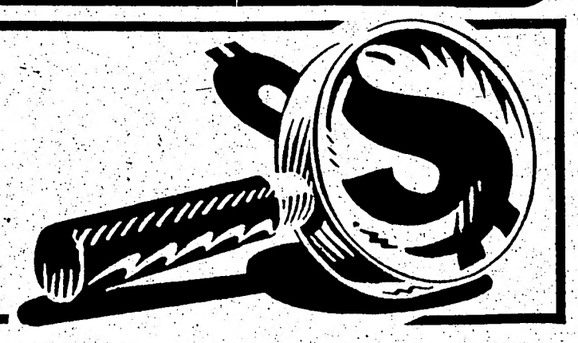

Helped set pattern for fund raising

Hurwich reflects on over 50 years of service

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Elder statesman Nathan Oscar Hurwich, who helped set the pattern for fundraising in Canada, reflects on his volunteer activities, spanning more than a half century of commitment to the community, as he celebrates his 80th birthday this year.

The stalwart community leader is acknowledged as the individual who has worked for more years than any other volunteer in Canada for the United Jewish Appeal.

He is among the top canvassers for the Jewish National Fund, a tireless worker for the State of Israel Bonds, Bar-Ilan University, the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, and more than 30 other community organizations.

"I've probably covered more pledge cards than anyone else in the community," Hurwich told The CJN. Tzedakah is an integral part of his life.

His grandfather, Matisyu Soloway, who is buried on the Mount of Olives, came to Canada from Russia before the turn of the century. The pious and learned Hebrew scholar, who had a great influence on his children and grandchildren, was one of the first shochtim in Toronto.

"My grandfather taught me that davening is important, but the most important thing is to be a mensch — the most honorable behavior is to set an example for others — Jews and non-Jews."

Hurwich, who describes himself as "an ordinary person," has been a model for others — always taking the hardest cards — those that have been written off. He says he believes in contributing first, before asking others to give.

He celebrated his bar mitzvah in 1922, and every year since, he recites his Mafter and Haftorah "Nachamu" on the Shabbat of his bar mitzvah.

"This will be the 67th anniversary of my bar mitzvah and I look forward to holding my traditional congregational kiddush at Beth Tzedec where I am a founding member."

When he was 8 years old, during World War I, he would trudge off to cheder on Simcoe St. every day after school as well as Sunday. It was then called the Toronto Hebrew Free School, later changed to the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto.

"It was a long way to Simcoe St. from Markham and Robinson where my parents Ben-Zion and Rachel Hurwich had a grocery store but there wasn't another community Hebrew school at the time."

He recalls that his teacher, Rabbi Jacob Gordon, a pious gentleman and a model of scholarly learning, was a great influence on him and the other students.

His father became ill and at 14, he had to leave Harbord Collegiate to help with the family finances. He later completed his high school education at night school.

When he left school, he went to work for Tip Top Tailors. Five years and several jobs later, with very little capital, he opened a small automotive jobbing business. He later sold the business and founded Mobile Automotive Products, a manufacturers' distributor. After 20 years, he sold Mobile Automotive to Acklands Ltd.

There were seven Hurwich children, five boys and two girls. His late brother, pediatrician Dr. Samuel B. Hurwich, well known for his dedication to the Zionist movement, went on aliya in 1960.

Nathan Hurwich

His father was a founding member of the McCaul St. Synagogue and Hurwich joined the congregation when he was 19.

When the synagogue amalgamated with the Goel Tzedec to become Beth Tzedec Congregation, he served as chairman of the board and and held almost every office at the synagogue. In 1985, he and his wife endowed the board room at the Beth Tzedec.

For more than six decades, Hurwich has supported the Associated Hebrew Schools. In 1979, he and his wife — they've been married 56 years — were honored by the school as a tribute to their generosity in endowing the Nathan O. and Roey Hurwich Educational Centre on Finch Ave.

The octogenarian recalls that his link with the Jewish National Fund dates back to 1947. For more than 40 years, Hurwich has had the distinction of being one of the leading "producers" for the Negev Dinner. He has served with distinction as a senior officer in Toronto and on the national executive.

In appreciation for his dedicated volunteer services, Hurwich, the founder of the Toronto Chapter of Bar-Ilan University, received an honorary doctorate from the university where an academic chair in community relations was inaugurated in his honor.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker was the guest speaker at a Bar-Ilan dinner where the degree of Honorary Fellow was bestowed upon him. He served with distinction as chairman of several divisions of the United Jewish Appeal and he received the UJA Man of the Year medal in 1971. He was also the recipient of the Chairman's Award in 1984 and many other honors.

He has served as president of numerous organizations including Toronto Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Albert Latner Jewish Public Library, and he was chairman of the Central Fund for Traditional Institutions.

He was national co-chairman with Judge Sydney Harris of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress after returning from a trip to the Soviet Union in 1972.

Hurwich is involved with the Toronto Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, Toronto Jewish Congress, Mount Sinai Hospital, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee — and the list of his accomplishments goes on and on.

His north Toronto home is filled with medals and more than 50 plaques for his service to the community, and he still directs his energy and resources to helping others.

Hadassah-WIZO meet for Hamilton

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO will host the 2nd National Aviv Conference of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Jan. 20 - 22 at the Holiday Inn in Burlington, Ont.

Entitled Crossroads — A Weekend Of Discovery, the conference is for Aviv members of Hadassah — women aged 45 years and younger.

Keynote speakers will include Naomi Frankenburg, national president; Lily Frank, national executive vice-president; Judge Hadassa Ben-Itto, district court, Tel Aviv, and president, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists; and Judith Bloom, chairman, Soviet Jewry and Jews in Arab Lands committee.

The opening speaker will be Molly Beube of Hamilton, actress, TV personality, business woman, teacher, grandmother and volunteer, who will talk about how to juggle the various roles in the life of today's woman.

About 200 women from across the country are expected to attend the conference, which will include sessions on fund raising, public affairs and Soviet Jewry as well as on Hadassah-WIZO itself.

There will be workshops on Jewish identity, the Holocaust, time management, leadership skills and being Jewish in a "sandwich generation."

The Aviv department of Hadassah was initiated three years ago by national executive director Lily Frank, who felt "that the organization needed to involve younger women on the national level and within the national executive as well as to educate," explains Hamilton Hadassah president Ilona Feldman.

The first Aviv Conference, held two years ago at the Prince Hotel in Toronto, "was very successful," resulting in about 50% of those women who attended becoming actively involved, says Feldman, who will act as conference chairman.

Crossroads, she explains, refers to the three goals of the conference:

- **To serve as a meeting or reunion of Hadassah women from Newfoundland to British Columbia, from small towns and large cities, of many different backgrounds and with many different talents and skills, but who share common beliefs and goals and who want to identify with the State of Israel;**
- **To define the many roles of today's woman: mother, wife, career woman, volunteer, and to help women find the balance between these and their personal commitment and responsibility to the Jewish people and to Israel and still find time to be a volunteer in Hadassah-WIZO;**
- **To learn about the many facets of the organization including fund raising, education, public affairs, Soviet Jewry and Canadian affairs, and which all strive towards the common goal of making it "the most important and powerful Zionist organization in Canada" as well as "to build a better tomorrow for the women and children of Israel and, indeed, for all Jews everywhere."**

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Organizations and People

JF & CS holds Chanukah party for the children

Foster parents provide an "essential" service

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Foster parents may not often seek praise or public recognition for the work they do, but perform an essential service by taking care of children that noone else wants or can't care for, says Shirley Feld, foster care coordinator with Jewish Family & Child Service.

"These people are usually modest and don't want to be in the spotlight," said Feld, praising the work done by foster parents. "But I definitely think they should be recognized."

She said that JF & CS is usually dealing with 50 to 60 foster children at any one time, with about 50% of them in treatment homes and the rest in foster homes.

These are children who can't live with their own families and include developmentally handicapped children, those from broken homes, adolescents who can't get along with their parents and — to the surprise of many — street kids.

Feld said the agency gets children from the latter group after the police pick them up and call JF & CS. Other children become involved in the foster care program when their natural parents bring them in or if the agency pulls them out of their homes.

While efforts are made to keep children in their own homes, she said this will not be done if it is believed to be detrimental to the children's health.

From there foster homes are the next step in order to maintain a family environment for the children. If that doesn't work then "progressive steps" are taken.

"We try to take the least intrusive measures," Feld stressed.

The problem with putting children in foster homes is the lack of people willing to devote the time and effort, Feld said.

"Anyone, from rabbis to single people, who is willing to devote time and energy and has a willingness to help children can become a foster parent," she said. "They are ordinary people who get pleasure in helping others."

To become a foster parent, Feld said the agency provides training sessions and tries to learn about the potential foster parent in an effort to pair them with children who match their lifestyle.

This includes religious lifestyle as well, she stated.

Feld said JF & CS met with local Orthodox rabbis about a year ago to discuss the problem of placing Orthodox children in Orthodox homes. Since then, she said the Orthodox communtiy has responded favorably.

Children are also matched according to geographical location, Feld added.

Still, she said, there are some problems in making placements, particularly in the pre-school and adolescent age groups. The former often comes about as more mothers are working and the latter as foster parents might be afraid of the teenagers.

Whatever the concern though, Feld said JF & CS plays an active role in foster parents' and foster childrens' lives — meeting with them on a regular basis and holding special programs throughout the year.

The latest was recently held at Beth Tikvah when JF & CS held its annual Chanukah party. Gifts for the over 100 children who attended were provided by Holy Blossom Temple and the food was donated.

JF & CS foster care program also holds a picnic in June and a foster parents' recognition night before Passover.

For more information on the foster care program call Feld at 638-7800.

Moshe Baum lights the menorah as his small friends look on at Jewish Family & Child Service's annual Chanukah party. [Graphic Artists photo]

JF & CS course aids part-time fathers with kids

TORONTO —

To help separated or divorced fathers who are concerned about their children, but don't know how to go about improving their relationship with them, Jewish Family & Child Service is repeating a program for part-time fathers.

Gabor Gellert, coordinator of Part-Time Father, said the purpose of the program is to make non-residential or non-custodial fathers think about their role as parents in a positive, meaningful way.

"We help them make positive changes to improve their relationships with their children," Gellert said. "We challenge them to look at their behavior and attitudes.

Gellert said that when the program was offered for the first time last year fathers responded quite favorably.

The format will be the same this time around with a group of six to eight fathers taking part in open-ended discussions dealing with their concerns. The program will begin Jan. 30 and run weekly for five consecutive weeks from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Prior to the start of the program, Gellert said he meets with the fathers on an individual basis to screen applicants.

Gellert said society often tends to stigmatize part-time fathers as people who don't yearn for their offspring. As a result, he said, these men develop a negative image of themselves as parents and often pull away from their children.

What JF & CS tries to do, he continued, is to move beyond the negative feelings and get the part-time father to take a more proactive approach to their children's upbringing and to become more involved in pursuing a relationship with their youngsters.

"We remind them of their responsibilities to themselves and their children," he said.

Gellert added that the issue of communications between spouses is also addressed. He said it is important to develop a co-parenting relationship with the ex-spouse and to be responsive and accommodating to that person.

This, he pointed out, can help reduce criticism between ex-spouses.

Problems can also arise when a part-time father becomes a "Disneyland" father. This occurs when fathers try to overcompensate for the little time they spend with their children by trying to buy their love with material items or by constantly entertaining them.

This in turn upsets the mother who feels she cannot keep up with the father's generosity.

"We stress that fathers don't always have to overdo it or try to prove themselves," Gellert said. "It creates stress and pressure which interfers with a spontaneous relationship from developing.

While Part-Time Father is strictly for fathers, JF & CS also offers Picking Up The Pieces, which allows separated and divorced parents to meet and discuss their experiences and concerns and for their children to talk about their feelings about what is happening in their home.

For more information on either program call 498-5223. — J.R.

Children of survivors to meet

TORONTO —

A conference specifically oriented to the children of Holocaust survivors begins this week in Jerusalem.

The Conference for the Second and Third Generation of Holocaust Survivors, which runs Dec. 18-23, will examine anti-semitism, Zionism and Jewish continuity in the diaspora as well as combating denials of the Holocaust.

Initiated by the Israeli Association of Children of Holocaust Survivors, the meeting is designed to provide a forum to help survivors' children and grandchildren pass the meaning of the Holocaust to future generations and to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust are not forgotten.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress will be represented by a 3-person delegation: Sharon Weintraub, Paula Draper and Allan Weinbaum.

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Found way of saving "bubble children"

Israeli scientist "optimistic" on leukemia cure

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
An Israeli scientist is "optimistic" that he and his colleagues are on the road to a victory over leukemia.

Dr. Yair Reisner found a way of saving 100 "bubble children" around the world — they were born without any immune system and previously had to live in plastic cocoons to avoid infection.

The 40-year-old biophysicist made that discovery in 1981. In May, 1986, he was rushed to Moscow to help treat victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The bottom line of that trip was that two of the four victims he treated were the only ones of 19 exposed to heavy doses of radiation who survived.

The essence of the work by Reisner and Dr. Nathan Sharon is that it is a way of screening out those blood cells which cause the rejection of a bone marrow transplant. This means that transplants don't need to be genetically matched.

For example, matched transplants were not available for the four Soviet nuclear workers he treated. One died on the operating room table from infection even before a transplant could be done. But three were still alive when Reisner left Russia. One has died since.

Reisner showed before and after slides of one of these young Russians to the annual meeting recently of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and it brought gasps of disbelief from the audience.

Now Reisner is back in his laboratory at the Institute's Rehovot campus and he told The CJN that he is confident they will find the key to overcoming the rejection by leukemia patients of bone marrow tranplants.

"In mice it can be done," he said. "I am optimistic about the future."

His procedure for transplanting unmatched bone marrow cells, or a variation of it, is now used nearly everywhere and Reisner has visited about 20 countries as a consultant.

His most treasured photographs are those grateful parents have sent him of their children, playing outdoors, freed from their plastic prisons.

Reisner and his wife and two children happened to be in Florida on holiday when Chernobyl blew. (He is an associate at Sloan Kettering Institute in New York and is often in the U.S.) Dr. Robert Gale of UCLA Medical School called from Moscow asking him to join the team treating the Chernobyl victims.

Since Gale said the Soviets were short of equipment and operating under "battlefield conditions," Reisner prepared 16 big crates of supplies and materials to go with him.

Glasnost or no, Reisner was unable to make contact with any Refuseniks, as he wanted to do. "There was a man with me at all times and I was told he was a physician, but I doubt it," he said. "Later I learned that dissidents had been trying to reach me but that my phone was controlled and no calls were put through."

One of his most vivid memories is when the Russian physician-in-chief on his last day in the hospital took him to a room with the three survivors and, wreathed in smiles, they expressed their thanks through an interpreter.

An easy going fellow, who wears his honors lightly, Reisner said the Soviets didn't came up with an air ticket back to Israel, but he turned this into a plus when the philanthropist Armand Hammer, who had his own plane in Russia, invited him to fly to England with him,

Dr. Yair Reisner

which he did and enjoyed a few extra days of holidays there. (It was Hammer who paid for the U.S. medical mission to the Chernobyl victims.)

It happens that Israel has never had a "bubble" child case, and of the 100 saved so far, about half are from U.S., and for some reason that Reisner is not sure of, a large number, 30, are from West Germany. He thinks it may be related to good medical facilities and making the correct diagnosis.

Reisner and his colleagues are working with clinicians in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv hospitals who are treating leukemia patients with bone marrow transplants, with differing results, depending on the category of the leukemia. "It is a tough decision for the patient and doctor, whether to try a treatment that is not always successful or to have no treatment at all," he said.

Before he left, Reisner was asked to give a lecture in the Russian hospital. "It was a moving experience," he said. "It was translated one sentence at a time. I think there was a number of Jewish scientists in the audience."

In gratitude for their efforts, Reisner and three Americans were taken to see the sights in Leningrad.

Riding suffering from political whiplash

Recount restores Tory in York North

TORONTO —
Voters in the federal riding of York North are sure to suffer from political whiplash by the time the last recount is over.

A judicial recount has restored the riding to Progressive Conservative Michael O'Brien who was first declared the winner on election night.

However, while he first appeared to have won by a narrow margin of 58 votes, a recount held shortly after the election gave the riding to Liberal candidate Maurizio Bevilacqua by a slightly larger margin of 66 votes.

Moving on, last week's recount reversed the situation giving the Tory candidate the riding by an even larger margin of 99 votes.

The results of the 4-day judicial recount gave 36,016 votes to O'Brien, 35,917 to Bevilacqua, 11,098 to NDP candidate Evelyn Buck and 1,247 to the Libertarian candidate.

The see-saw contest is apparently not yet over.

Bevilacqua is expected to appeal the latest results to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In the meantime O'Brien can begin his duties as the MP for the riding of York North which takes in Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Aurora and part of King Township.

The recount leaves the Conservtives with 169 of 285 seats, the Liberals with 82 and the NDP with 43. There is currently one vacant seat as the result of the death of Alberta Tory John Dahmer due to bone marrow cancer.

Negev Dinner corrections

In our story on the Ottawa Negev Dinner (CJN Nov. 24), it was stated incorrectly that Jack Smith is the owner of Nate's Delicatessen. In fact, Smith owns the Melting Pot. As well, the correct name of the presenter of the Negev Dinner citation was Irving Rivers, Ottawa Jewish National Fund chairman. The CJN regrets the errors.

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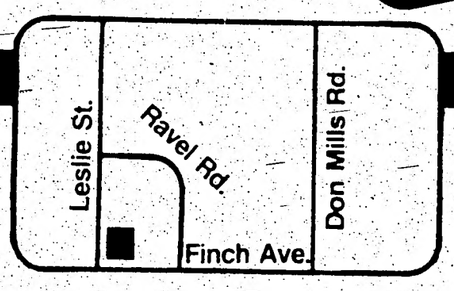

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Please note that the deadline for the Dec. 22 and Jan. 5 issues is now past. As you know, we will not be publishing the Dec. 29 issue.

The deadline for the Jan. 12 issue is Wednesday, Dec. 21. I will be at my desk on that day to receive your calls and sort my mail.

For the Jan. 19 issue we go back to the regular Thursday deadline, Jan. 5.

Sunday, Dec. 18

CONGREGATION HABONIM

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2.30 p.m. Congregation Habonim invites you to hear **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** of Beth Sholom Synagogue speak on Moses — The Price of Fame and Glory.

The synagogue is located at 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn area). Admission is $1.50 and includes refreshments.

NEW JEWISH AGENDA

Toronto New Jewish Agenda continues its bi-monthly program format with An Analysis of the Israeli Election on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7.30 p.m.

Non-members interested in participating in this multi-issue progressive Jewish organization are invited to attend. The group is eager to welcome all Jews whose vision of our tradition inspires a commitment to work for social justice.

For details of this and other NJA activities, call 652-3812 or 486-0653.

RUMMAGE SALE

Be sure to drop by at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood's giant rummage sale on Sunday, Dec. 18. You'll find bargains galore in good used and new clothing for men, women and children, also household items, toys, books, records and much more.

The sale runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview, (1 block west of Bathurst off Danby).

Monday, Dec. 19

ALJS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit will hold a discussion group on Monday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (just north of Lawrence Plaza).

The theme will be Should One Be a Conservative, Orthodox or Reform Jews, Or Is It Enough To Be Just a Committed Jew? The discussion leader is **Rabbi Reuben Slonim**.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 789-0101.

McLUHAN NIGHT

A great event is taking place in the Great Hall, Hart House, University of Toronto on Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., featuring **Eric McLuhan** co-author of the new book Laws of the Media: The New Science.

The seminar is sponsored by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in association with the Future World Society and the Committee on Toronto/2000.

In addition to McLuhan, who will be introduced by **George Ignatieff**, chancellor emeritus of the U of T, the program will include the launching of the World Millennium Network as a tribute to the McLuhan legacy and a musical prelude and singalong with The First Millennium Songs.

Donations, towards expenses, of at least $10 ($5 students and seniors) will be taken at the door. For further information, call 924-7954.

MUSICAL HAPPY AFTERNOON

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will be presenting a program of Chanukah and holiday songs at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St., on Monday, Dec. 19, from 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

AISH HATORAH SEMINAR

Aish HaTorah presents Basics, an innovative and inspiring series of individual seminars exploring the wit and wisdom of Judaism, geared to young professionals 25-45 years of age. It continues on Wednesday, Dec. 21, with Shabbat: An Enigmatic Taste of Eternity.

The seminar takes place at the Aish HaTorah Centre, 296A Wilson Ave. Registration is at 7.30 p.m. and the class begins at 8. For information, call the centre at 636-7530.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the Wednesday, Dec. 21, meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto, there will be a presentation by **Hilde Weiss** and **Leslie Wyle** of Lifestories, followed by the annual Chanukah celebration.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For further information, contact **Annette** at 782-4646.

And What Else Is New...

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The World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) Institute offers young Jewish professionals from all over the world a 5½-month intensive Hebrew language course combined with courses in Jewish history, Judaism, modern Israel, contemporary Jewry, Hebrew and Jewish literature, the Middle East and more.

The program includes extensive educational tours and seminars, and work on kibbutz or other volunteer projects. The institute then helps students find work in their professions to help round out their 1-year stay in Israel.

The institute is located in Arad (population 15,000), high in the hills overlooking the Dead Sea.

For further information, dates and costs, contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 202, Downsview, Ont. M3H 5Z3. The phone number is (416) 633-4766.

NCJW OUTREACH PROGRAM

The National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section Charitable Foundation is now accepting applications for its Bathurst/Prince Charles Outreach Program.

This program is for adults requiring assistance with activities of daily living in their own homes due to physical disabilities who are capable of directing the assistance they require, whose medical needs can suitably be met by the existing community health care system and whose total service requirements cannot be realized through existing visitation programs.

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There is no cost to the applicant for the services.

LIGHT FOR THE CHILD

Temple Sinai Hebrew School's Or La Yeled (Light for the Child) program involves a group of 15 children who visit other children who are patients in various hospitals to celebrate the holidays with them.

The first visit of the year was on Thursday, Dec. 8, when the students celebrated Chanukah with patients at North York General Hospital with sings, holiday stories, a magic show and treats.

In charge of this ongoing program are parent volunteers **Deborah Cooper** and **Bonnie Tepperman**.

SINGLES CONGREGATIONS NETWORK

Singles Congregations Network is holding an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Guest speaker **Gordon Wolfe**, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service, will discuss The Changing Role of the Family and also the services available for singles.

CLEAROUT SALE

Morris Winchevsky Schools annual Clearout Sale bazaar takes place Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

This is your chance to purchase dresses, sportswear, household goods, children's wear, sweaters, yarn and more, all at bargain prices.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

Attending the recent ground-breaking ceremony for Toronto House at the Beersheba Soldiers Home (CJN Dec. 1) were representatives of the Toronto branch of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel including (from left) Max Moneta, Irving Buchbinder, Jack Muskat, Gordon Levy, Eddie Fisch and Irving Matlow.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Make your reservations now at Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St., for the New Year's party being held Saturday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. with a full course dinner catered by **Rose Lazar**, and dancing till 1 a.m.

The charge is $50 per person. Everyone is welcome.

For information and reservations, call the centre at 636-6665.

NCSY TRIP TO NEW YORK

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) of Canada is planning a new Torah Experience — in New York. Teenagers in grades 9-13 are invited to participate in this 5-day experience.

The trip leaves Thursday, Dec. 22, and returns Dec. 27. It features visits to the Twin Trade Towers, Staten Island, Times Square, Statue of Liberty and Macy's, among others.

The cost of the tour is $299 for NCSY paid members and $330 for non-members. A deposit of $75 is required to confirm your place.

For more information, call the regional office in Toronto at (416) 782-4426 or in Montreal, contact **Rabbi Levy** at (514) 683-5610.

A BOOK ABOUT CHILD SURVIVORS

Fraidie Martz of Vancouver is doing research for a book about the child survivors who came to Canada under the War Orphans Project and would appreciate hearing from anyone who wishes to tell their story, be they a former child survivor or someone who participated in helping them. She is also interested in hearing from anyone who knew the late **Greta Fisher**.

The address is Fraidie Martz, 3534 W. Nineteenth Ave., Vancouver V6S 1C4.

AWARD-WINNING FILM

Producer/director **Harry Rasky's** film, To Mend the World, has been awarded the gold medal at the 1988 International Film & Television Festival of New York. To Mend the World was aired on CBC television in September of 1987 and again this past summer.

Over 3,000 of the world's leading film and television professionals from 22 countries submitted programs for consideration and more than

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Eighteen-month-old Cristy Vallas takes a closer clook at juggler Matthew Wood at the Mount Sinai Seasons Greetings Party for premature infants held recently at the hospital. More than 150 "preemies" and their families participated in an afternoon full of fun and games.

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What's New

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1,000 attended the recent festival and awards presentation held at the Sheraton Hotel in New York.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded in a number of categories. To Mend the World won in the culture and arts category.

SKATING RINK OPEN

Sharpen your skates and glide over to the Mel Lastman Skating Rink. The outdoor rink is now open daily from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Rink marshalls supervise skating on Mondays to Fridays from 4.30-9.30 p.m. and on weekends from 1-10 p.m.

The rink is located directly in front of North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St. (5 blocks north of Sheppard) and is directly accessible from the North York Centre subway stop.

For more information, call North York parks and recreation department at 224-6269.

AISH HATORAH SEMINAR

The Aish Hatorah Discovery Seminar, a 2-day seminar exploring the intellectual foundation for Jewish beliefs and values, takes place Saturday evening, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 26, ending at 6 p.m.

The cost is $95 per person and includes all meals. Space is limited, so call now for details. The number is 630-7530.

CANADIAN POETRY ASSOCIATION

The aims of the Canadian Poetry Association (CPA) are to promote the reading, writing, publishing, purchasing, and preservation of poetry in Canada through the individual efforts of its members; to promote communication among poets, publishers and the general public; to encourage leadership and participation from members and to encourage the formation of autonomous local chapters.

Dues are $10 per year and the association needs new members. Contact the Canadian Poetry Association, PO Box 822, Adelaide St. Station, Toronto M5C 2K1.

SNOW CONNECTIONS

The Snow Connections program is a registry to link students with seniors and disabled adults in the City of North York to assist in shovelling snow. It is operated by various seniors centres through a grant from the City of North York for administrative purposes. Please note these phone numbers and locations listed by areas in North York —

Northeast — Call 222-7669. North York Seniors Centre, 21 Hendon Ave.

Northwest — Call 221-7227. Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W.

Southeast — Call 447-5074. Taylor Place, 1 Overland Dr.

Southwest — Call 787-2002. Joseph E. & Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

West — Call 740-8692. Downsview Services for Seniors, 15 Clubhouse Ct.

TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Spend an interesting morning with guest speakers who talk on a variety of exciting and stimulating topics related to Jewish issues. The Tuesday Morning Study Group meets every Tuesday from 9.45-11.15 a.m. at Holy Blossom Temple in the activity room, beginning Jan. 3. Excellent babysitting is available for all ages.

Speakers will include **Harold Troper, Josef Skvorecky, Gordon Wolfe, Rabbi John Moscowitz, Irving Zeitlin** and **Dorothy Lipovenko**.

For more information, contact **Esther Zeller Cooper** at 787-8749 or **Sandy Wise** at 789-3291.

BRONZE RELIEF SCULPTURE

A number of months ago the Wilson Medical Centre of Hamilton commissioned a large bronze relief from Hamilton artist **Ora Markstein**. This sculpture has now been installed on the front exterior of the the building which is located at 136 Wilson Ave.

The 5 X 7 foot bronze relief, entitled The Family, was unveiled at a recent ceremony by Hamilton's **Mayor Robert Morrow**.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW COURSES

The Keren Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for courses in conversational Hebrew for the winter season for beginners, intermediates and advanced for adults and teenagers.

The courses are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers.

For consultation and registration, students are asked to call **Joseph Klinger** at 787-0197.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood is holding a New Year's Eve dinner and dance on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at $75 per person. Call 633-5500 for more information.

SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE

Are you retired? Available during the day? Familiar with volunteering? Interested in public speaking? Experienced in marketing, training, administration? Then the Speakers' Committee of the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto may be the volunteer opportunity for you.

As a member of the committee, you will be part of a trained team that provides specialized presentations on the enriched use of leisure, including the volunteer option. The goal of the Speakers' Committee is to encourage more men and women age 55 and over to participate in volunteer work.

If you would like to explore this opportunity further, call the Volunteer Centre at 961-6888 and ask for **Leela Karsan**.

FOR SEPARATING FAMILIES

HEART (Human Equality Action and Resource Team) is a self-help group aimed at helping separating families meet problems such as child custody, access, alimony by providing peer support, creating public awareness, suggesting resource materials and education.

The group meets the third Tuesday of every month at Fairview Regional Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (Sheppard and Don Mills Rd.).

For information, call 286-7661.

at the jcc

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is offering Winterfun Days, organized days for children 5-10 years of age during winterbreak, Dec. 19-30. The program includes mime, cooking, carpentry, puppet shows and much more. The cost is $18 per day. For more information, contact **Beverley Brock** at 924-6211.

A ticket for the second Bloor Y Concert for Kids makes a great gift. **Rick** and **Judy** perform live on Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. The cost is $9 per ticket. For more information, call **Florence Marantz** at 924-6211.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-69 years of age meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of the group is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting takes place Sunday, Dec. 18. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Sunday, Dec. 18. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years and over meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is set for Sunday, Dec. 18. The coordinator is **Alan Steinberg**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2269.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that a kosher trip to Florida this winter is being planned...The Joy of Music program is also in the planning stage and will be held through 1988-89...For further information, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Senior Sinai's Golden Book is still ongoing. Place your donation with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7-9 p.m.

For information about **Snow Connections**, the registry to link students with seniors and disabled adults in the City of York to assist in shovelling snow, please check the And What Else Is New section of this column.

The Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20, features the 20-voice choir of the Centre for Creative Living. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake are served. The charge is $1.50.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is showing the Israeli film, I Love You Rosa (in English) on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. in the club house (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). There is no charge for members, $1 charge for non-members. Refreshments will be served...The New Year's eve party on Saturday, Dec. 31, takes place in the Earl Bales Community Centre from 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. The price of $15 includes a cold cuts plate, desserts, pastries, party favors, door prizes and more. This is for members only...The club is now taking registration for 1989 mem-

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USDS DEDICATION CEREMONIES

At the recent dedication of the United Synagogue Day School's new Bayview branch at Beth Tikvah Synagogue are (from left): Aaron Nussbaum, USDS director of education; Dr. Ira Schecter, chairman of the board; North York Mayor Mel Lastman; Marty Goldberg, a vice-president of USDS; Tom Lobel, chairman of the Growth and Development Campaign Committee, and Shirley Worth, president of USDS board of directors.

EAST ASIAN STUDIES AIDED

Israel's largest chair and research fund in East Asian studies has been established by Toronto developer Louis Frieberg at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Pictured at the London, England ceremony are (from left): Edward Winant, national president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Prof. Amnon Pazy, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Frieberg (seated) and Bernard Cherrick, the university's vice-president for development.

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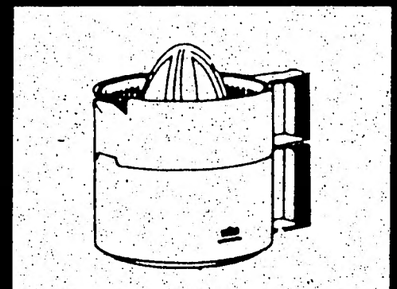

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Organizations and People

What's New

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bership. The fee of $8 per year includes all activities...For details about all programs, call 636-7856.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W...Remember that Tuesday, Dec. 27, is the last meeting before the Miami trip. Your tickets and insurance must be picked up by that time. For information, contact **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727 or **Max Glick** at 226-4093.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club held elections recently for the 1989 executive and board. Officers are **Manning Shore** president; **Marie Fingerutt**, vice-president; **Boris Coopersmith**, recording secretary; **Louis Gotlieb**, financial secretary; **Anne Bromberg**, treasurer, and **Carl Pasternak**, past president. Board members include **Bess Coopersmith**, publicity; **Saul Bromberg, Gertie Gotlieb, Laura Graff, Jenny Powell, Hilda Shore** and **Ruth Swern**.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over meets every Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For membership information, contact **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

Young at Heart Seniors is arranging a special package deal for 1-2 months in Florida. Airfare, insurance, hotel efficiency, free transportation, deluxe cruise to the Bahamas and more are all included in the price of $1,505 Canadian funds (double occupancy). Partners are available. Get in on this special by calling **Helen** at 635-6343 from 8-9 a.m. or **Manny** at 633-7463 evenings.

The Good Age Club of the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is having a Chanukah party on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 2-4 p.m. with latkes, dreidls and more. Registration is essential. Call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211 for information and registration.

Club Chaverim of the JCC North-East Valley branch meets on Monday afternoons from 1-3 at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For more information, call 889-0813.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Creative Living Choir under the direction of **Elka Bagley** will perform on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...The Tuesday evening program on Dec. 20 features singer/instrumentalist **Phyllis Angel**. The time is 7.30-8.30 in the Assembly Room...The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 years of age and over who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation. The group meets in the Fireside Lounge from 2-3.30 p.m. For further information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273 days or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 evenings.

Metro Toronto Schools need senior volunteers who love children to assist in the classroom with reading, math, crafts and such. Call **Shirley** at the Volunteer Centre, 961-6888, for the school nearest you.

The LZA Seniors Club, the "young seniors" group, suggests that those of you who missed the great Chanukah party last week, should mark your calendars for next year's party if you want to enjoy latkes, music and dancing...At the monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., a full report was given of the activities of the year...For those who will be staying in Toronto, daily lunches, cards and entertainment will continue from noon to 4 p.m...On Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m., the Cultural Circle will have a closing breakfast for the season with **Jecheskiel Mandelman** speaking on **Chaim Grade**, the poet from Wilno...A Yom Ha'atzmaut trip to Israel is in full swing. For details, call 630-9444.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A reminder that La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting a lecture on Hypothermia by **Shari Cherney** on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 1-3 p.m.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2.50 for members, $3 non-members.

At the Wednesday afternoon social on Dec. 21, clap your hands, stamp your feet and have a wonderful afternoon with **Jeff King**. The time is 1.30 p.m. and refreshments are served after the entertainment. The price is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and living on their own will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. when pianist **Nancy Claitman** will perform. This is for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1.

Any information about special events, day trips and long tours can be obtained by calling **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

Wanted — amateur entertainers who would appreciate the opportunity to perform before a senior group to help you gain exposure. If you want to know more about it, call 665-3547.

SCHOOL FUND RAISER

Netivot Hatorah Day School Parents Association recently held a successful evening at the home of Eli and Renee Rubinstein to raise funds for the school library. Pictured are (top row from left) Eli Rubinstein, speaker Manuel Prutschi and president Marci Tenenbaum, and (bottom row from left) chairman Fern Orzech, Renee Rubinstein and chairman Elaine Fink.

GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATE

Charles Gardiner (right) accepts a Golden Book certificate from Rabbi David Monson in appreciation of his generosity to Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. Sheila Dropkin, national executive director of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, looks on. [Graphic Artists photo]

About People

CANADIAN MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Alfred Segall, a prominent Montreal lawyer and municipal judge of Cote St. Luc, was re-elected national president of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel at the organization's annual general meeting held in Montreal recently.

Sydney Lithwick and **Sonny Merevitz** were elected vice-presidents and resuming their positions were **Gerald (Ted) Nashman**, secretary; **Arthur Levitt**, treasurer; **Morton Rosenthal**, chairman of the board, and **Paul Saxe**, vice-chairman.

TORONTO WOMEN'S ORT EXECUTIVE

Toronto Women's ORT regional executive for 1988-90 is headed by president **Sally Waldman**. An active member of ORT for seven years, she has served as co-president of Shalom Chapter and was membership vice-president of Toronto Region from 1987-88.

Sally Waldman

Serving with Sally are vice-presidents **Sandy Berkal, Meriel Gordon** and **Mira Rotsztein;** secretaries **Arlene Engelberg** and **Ann Posen;** treasurer **Charlotte Krossel;** immediate past president **Marilyn Somers;** members at large **Dr. Lesley Corrin** and **Kati Harari** and past presidents **Ann Houpt** and **Joan Jaffit.**

Mintz Reena chief

TORONTO —

Harley Mintz was recently named president of the Reena Foundation, succeeding Marilyn Raphael as the Foundation's 6th chief officer.

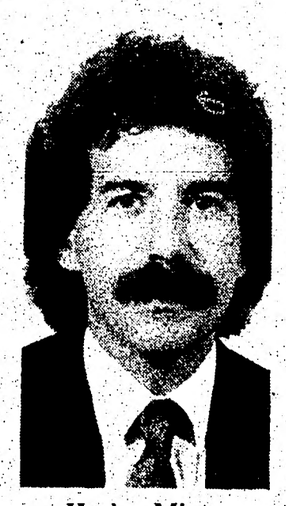
Mintz, 38, has served as treasurer of Reena for the past three years, a period which has seen the development of Reena into a fully computerized, fiscally responsible agency, the Foundation said.

A chartered accountant by profession, Mintz is managing partner in a firm which boasts 130 people.

His involvement with Reena started several years ago following the suggestion of a business client. Since then, he has energetically thrown himself into the task of managing the business affairs of the agency, Reena said.

"There's no sense in being terrific in business if the client services — our raison d'etre — are not maintained," he said.

In applauding the efforts of the outgoing president and the board, Mintz acknowledges that his strength is financial, not service oriented, and he plans to draw heavily on the experience and expertise of his vice-presidents and the new board.



Harley Mintz

High among Mintz's priorities during his term will be the streamlining of Reena's existing resources to accommodate more clients.

This can be accomplished, he says, by increasing and enhancing Reena's profile in the community: by expanding creative fund raising activities in the private sector, and by maximizing the benefits of government assistance, perhaps to help relocate the Foundation's administrative and resource centres.

As well as being president of Reena, Mintz is also co-chairman of the United Jewish Welfare Fund's professional advisory committee.

He is married to Toronto Star reporter Judy Nyman, and they have two children.

New members appointed to the board of directors are: Warren Covent, Leslie Kert, Brenda Lerner, Fred Levitt, Frances Mandell, Ira Sack, Sharon Noss, and Barbara Sugar.

They join existing members: Joseph Berman, Bernie Federman, Larry Ginsberg, Herb Greenbaum, Wilf Horwich, Carole Jacobs, Al Levin, Jerry Panet, Jerry Potasky, Marilyn Raphael, Sam Ruth, Howard Ungerman and Harold Wodinsky.

The Reena Foundation, founded 15 years ago by Rabbi Joseph Kelman and a group of concerned parents, now operates 15 group homes, 30 apartments or duplexes, and serves more than 400 developmentally handicapped people through its residential, vocational and recreational programs.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Total Living Mature Singles invites you to dance to the music of D.J. Don delGreco, Saturday, December 17, 8:00 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments. Prizes. Members $4.00, non-members $6.00.

Singles Rendez-vous (ages 25-45) — Dinner/Dance, Sunday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. at O'Tooles Roadhouse Restaurant, 3200 Dufferin at Ofus, across from Petro Canada, south of Wilson. For information 631-9389.

Partytime Productions (ages 20-39) Presents — Balloon Party at Hannibals, 5075 Yonge Street, North of Sheppard. Saturday, December 24, 7:30 p.m. $5.00 in advance at Hannibals, $7.00 at door.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents — Third Annual Chanukah Party, Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve) at **Berlin,** 2335 Yonge St. Traditionally our **largest** party of the year. 500 people regularly attend. 222-7111.

Lishar Productions Presents — A Christmas Party at **Tangerine,** 240 Richmond St. W., on Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets $10 in advance, $12 at the door. **Limited number of tickets available.** For more info please call 783-6261.

Mayfair West Racquet Club, 3855 Chesswood Dr., Downsview, and Metro Toronto Singles are organizing a special New Year's Eve Singles Party, Saturday, December 31, in our newly renovated lounge. Tennis round-robin from 7-10 p.m., Dance 9:30 p.m. Cost $20 per person. Dance only $10. Reserve early. Call Marcia Levine 638-1010, or Sid 222-7111.

Oneg Shabbat, December 23, at Beth Shalom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton W., Gordon Wolfe speaking on The Changing Role of the Family. 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Christian triumphalism basis for Holocaust, Schild tells shul lecture

By
BRIAN HENRY

Rabbi Erwin Schild

TORONTO — The belief that Christianity is the one true religion helped lay the groundwork for the Holocaust, says Rabbi Erwin Schild, who recently spoke at Adath Israel synagogue about his visit to West Germany on the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Schild had been the main speaker at the City of Cologne's annual "Reformationsfeier" — the festival commemorating the founding of the German Lutheran Church.

Quoting from his address there, Schild stated: "The Christian Church has always considered itself as the successor of the Jewish people. By not accepting the redeemer offered to them (Christians say), the Jews broke their covenant with G-d and lost their status as G-d's chosen people. . . .

"Rejected by G-d, despised by Christians, the Jewish people are forced to bear witness to the truth of this theological thesis by suffering their painful fate. Good Christians will not approve or abet the physical annihilation of the Jews. But," said Schild, "they know how to rationalize it."

Schild's talk at Adath Israel was jointly sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, the Adath Israel Congregation and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress, among others.

The rabbi said that the relationship between Christian teachings and the Holocaust, which is widely discussed in North America, is still "a revolutionary idea in Germany." Nonetheless, said Rabbi Schild, his speech was well received.

Schild said that his concept of a "messianic agenda" particularly intrigued his listeners in Cologne. "I pointed out that in Jewish theology, redemption is not a passive process," but that man "must start the process himself." The notion of redemption being earned "is not really a Christian concept, I believe," he said.

Schild said that man must reject the idea of exclusivity — the notion that one group or one religion "may lay claim to absolute truth." Instead man must embrace pluralism. "May G-d not enter a covenant with more than one partner?" asked Schild, again quoting from his address in Cologne.

Speaking on a more personal note, Schild said that, for him, returning to Germany always causes emotional upheaval. He said that he always has the illusion that "I'm going to visit the past . . . and I'm always disappointed.

On every visit to Cologne, he said, "I make my pilgrimage to the site of the (liberal) synagogue — the synagogue that has vanished without a trace. Each time I expect to find it. . . . Of course, each time there's nothing to see."

"I wander the streets, looking for my friends," said Schild. "They have vanished, like the smoke out of the chimneys of Auschwitz."

Concerning the anniversary of Kristallnacht in Germany, Schild said, "No one could escape it. . . . You couldn't turn on the radio, open a newspaper without being reminded of the anniversary." In West Germany, "there are forces that try to face the past," said Rabbi Schild.

Henning von Hassell, the consul-general of West Germany brought greetings from his government and also spoke briefly. Concerning Kristallnacht and the Holocaust, von Hassell said, "As a German, I feel ashamed." He added, "All of us who are still terrified by what happened 40 years and more ago should join to assure that such events shall not happen again."

Delusions of Jewish leader theme of Lodz Ghetto film

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

A well-crafted documentary titled The Story of Chaim Rumkowski and the Jews of Lodz throws light on the man around whom the fate of the city's doomed ghetto is focused.

Shown recently at the University of Toronto, as part of the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture, the film vividly depicts life in the Lodz Ghetto where Jews were forced to live, as many as six to a room, at the outbreak of World War II.

Using hundreds of rarely seen archival photographs, taken mainly by Jewish Council photographers, and by German soldiers, this Swedish-made film for TV is also an account of Rumkowski and his self-deception.

Rumkowski, appointed by the Germans as the head of the Jewish Council of the ghetto in May of 1940, believed he could save Jews by making them profitable to the Germans.

Although this former supervisor of a Jewish orphanage actually succeeded in turning the Lodz Ghetto into a small industrial centre which helped the German war effort, in the final count the profitability of the Jews could never be high enough.

Herein lies the tragic message of this 55-minute documentary. As the Lodz Ghetto is emptied of Jews by deportations to the death camps, mainly through the cooperation of the Jewish Council itself, Rumkowski, continues to hold on to his belief that he is sacrificing the lives of a few in order to save many, and that ultimately Germany needed Jews for its own economic survival.

A diversified textile industry, for example, was established in the ghetto which greatly benefited the German war economy, but the Jews of Lodz were not rewarded for this. Instead, conditions deteriorated as the Germans cut back already meagre food rations, contributing to starvation and disease and death.

However, the real death blow came when the first deportations to the death camps began under the guise of resettlement. Twenty thousand Jews were deported in January, 1942, to Chelmo, where most were gassed.

Although the Germans promised the Jewish Council that deportations were only temporary, they began in earnest in 1943 and continued until July, 1944, when the ghetto was ordered dissolved.

By the time the Russians finally liberated the ghetto in January, 1945, only 700 half-starved Jews remained from the original 200,000 inhabitants.

Indeed, it is remarkable that despite horrendous living conditions, starvation, disease and finally the deportations, relative calm and order prevailed. Indeed, a large bureaucracy was set up which ran a variety of social services such as educational, medical, religious and cultural activities. Even a police and fire department operated.

Rumkowski ended up at Auschwitz where some say he was forced to watch Jews file into the gas chambers, the final humiliation to the man who believed appeasement of the Germans was possible.

Later, we are told, Rumkowski was actually murdered by Jews whom he and the Jewish Council had deported to the death camp on orders from the Germans.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Making a difference

Julia Koschitzky

Don Rafelman

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!

As this will be the final column of the campaign, we are taking the opportunity to share an overwhelming feeling of pride and gratitude with those whose combined effort and commitment have indeed "made a difference."

This has been a special campaign in a special year. Israel's 40th anniversary celebrating four decades of Jewish statehood, added extra spice and incentive for all of us involved in the 1989 campaign which is now drawing to a close.

In early Spring when we were in the midst of preparation and planning for the busy months ahead, we set our sights upwards in establishing our goals. Now as we approach the final stages of the campaign, we see every possibility of achieving what we set out to accomplish those many months ago.

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The energy and enthusiasm manifested from the beginning of this campaign never diminished — if anything, the momentum built up and was sustained from function to function, Mission to Mission, throughout the campaign months.

Looking back, there are many highlights and special occasions that come to mind.

Our first "public" appearance back in May was in the company of several thousand men, women and children who turned out en masse to participate in the 40th Anniversary Walk and Festival, the most ambitious and successful in the 19-year history of the annual community-wide event.

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The opening dinner in August certainly qualifies as an evening to remember. More than 600 members of this community who represent the forward-looking, innovative leadership Toronto has come to be noted for, celebrated and reaffirmed our goals and aspirations for the coming campaign.

All of us were entertained and enamored by the talented Orot Hashchuna Troupe of youngsters from Project Renewal communities. What more tangible evidence of the success of our twinning with Beit Dagan and Kfar Gvirol!

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Super Sunday more than lived up to its name this year. More volunteers came out, more money was raised and a thoroughly enjoyable day went like clockwork thanks to superb planning by a committee of the New leadership Council — a first for that dynamic group. And speaking of firsts, in mid-November, the NLC held a dinner dance at Casa Loma. The invitation response was so great, reservations had to be cut off due to space limitations.

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There were a number of other "firsts" during the 1989 campaign.

There was the first ever Media Mission to Israel; Jewish Women's Federation/Women's Campaign tried a totally different format for their community opening — UJA Night — a combined speaking and performing appearance by Mary Travers which filled the main hall at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Special functions included the Lawyers and Accountants Outlook '89 at the Sheraton; a first-time special meeting of Chiropractors at the Constellation Hotel; a Mortgage Brokers reception; an Investment Division event at Roy Thomson Hall ... the list goes on and on.

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The continuing policy of recruiting new young men and women with the potential for leadership has been particularly successful this year.

It was especially evident in the Construction & Development Division. The resurgence of this division over the past few years has had a ripple effect in revitalizing an allied division — Heavy Industry & Metals.

The latter division, under new leadership, arranged a stellar evening at which the dinner speaker ws criminal lawyer, Eddie Greenspan. If ever there was a showcase for veterans and newcomers getting together at a UJA function, this was it. Fathers and sons were the order of the evening. Generation gap? Not here!

Within the Construction Division itself, there has been a new adjunct this year — New Leadership, consisting of a strong core of 20 young associates who hail from a long line of past and present UJA leadership. They organized their own extremely successful Mission to Israel in October.

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With each passing campaign, Missions continue to play an increasingly significant role in helping to give a clearer understanding of the impact our dollars have in making possible the many services and social programs that are so desperately needed.

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Organizations and People

"Symbol of peace and friendship" designed by Arthur Erickson

BC's Vander Zalm helps light huge chanukiah

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —
A crowd of over 300 people cheered as BC Premier Bill Vander Zalm, Richmond Rabbi Avraham Feigelstock and Jewish community representative Leon Kahn rose 30 feet in the air in a "cherry picker" lift crane and lit the lamps of Canada's largest Chanukah menorah.

The 2½ ton, 27 foot high by 19 feet wide, glass beaded, silver coated steel chanukiah was designed by world renowned Canadian architect, Arthur Erickson, and was manufactured and donated by Helmut and Hugo Eppich, co-owners of Ebco Industries Ltd.

It stands facing one of the busiest intersections in Richmond in an area of a parking lot donated by Safeway.

"We wanted the menorah to have the most public exposure," said Eitz Chaim's Rabbi Feigelstock, "because it is a symbol of freedom, of religious freedom."

It was in that spirit that the Eppich brothers became involved with Eitz Chaim Synagogue and its rabbi.

Last year as part of their company's policy of celebrating the major religious holidays of their multicultural workforce, the Eppich's approached Fiegelstock to light a small Chanukiah in the company's lobby.

The three men met and became friends and the brothers, who are Catholics, became involved with the design and development of the new Eitz Chaim Beit Moshe Centre.

Over 60 people in the company were asked if they would volunteer their time and help with development of the centre. "Amazingly," said Helmut Eppich, "they all said yes. And what is more incredible, is that only two of the workers were Jews. We became 'The Friends of Beit Moshe Centre.'"

When they lit the eighth candle last Chanukah, the Eppich brothers asked Feigelstock, "Why not build a large menorah? And why not get Arthur Erickson to design it?" (Erickson was designing Hugo Eppich's house at the time.) The rabbi readily agreed.

For the generous Eppich brothers it was a chance, "to concentrate and make tangible something as intangible as good will." For Feigelstock, the collaboration was viewed as "a symbol of peace and friendship in these times."

The presence of representatives of the three levels of government shows that Jews here truly have freedom of religion, Feigelstock told the crowd which included Tom Siddon, federal minister of oceans and fisheries and Gil Blair, mayor of Richmond.

"The Eppich brothers truly symbolize the idea of education (one of the meanings of Chanukah) by getting people to live together and have mutual respect for each other," Feigelstock said.

Vancouver Jewish community representative Leon Kahn (left), Rabbi Avraham Feigelstock (centre) and BC Premier Bill Vander Zalm light Canada's largest chanukiah.

When it was time to light the chanukiah, the premier stepped forward, took the lamp, and said: "As we light the flame, may G-d smile on this community, and take pride in this menorah and in the Jewish community of Richmond and beyond."

Then he and Rabbi Feigelstock and Kahn mounted the "cherry picker" and to the cheers of the assemblage, slowly rose 30 feet to light the chanukiah.

On the stage, architect Erickson said: "The idea was to get something that was majestic, that spread out in the sense of reaching out. It's the idea of the arms of the menorah which support the light, embracing as large an area as possible."

"And then of course there is the pure steel; not painting it, or finishing it," he continued, "but just having the actual metal which is doing the work exposed because the metal is so beautiful. It also represents the idea of a certain purity."

Erickson said he believes that such symbols as the Chanukah menorah belong to everyone because the world is getting so small, "and what it says is not only particularly to the Jewish community, because of what happened 2,000 years ago, but it is something which applies to everybody."

Polish town to erect memorial to Jews

MONTREAL —
The Polish authorities have promised to erect a permanent memorial on the site of the Jewish cemetery in Zawichost, says a Montreal man who recently returned to his hometown.

Charles Weinbaum was in Poland to present Zawichost mayor Tadeusz Malara with a bronze sculpture by Montreal artist Gabriel Erman. Weinbaum, who commissioned the sculpture, had requested on an earlier trip to Poland that it be installed on the now vacant field.

The tombstones in the 1,000-year-old cemetery, which had served the town's small Jewish community, had been uprooted during the Nazi occupation.

Weinbaum said the mayor presented him with plans and a budget for turning the site into square with gardens, walkways and benches. The multi-figured sculpture, depicting Jews fleeing the inferno of the Holocaust, is to be a focal point. It will be surrounded by scroll-like plaques commemorating the 38 Jews who were killed on the spot during the deportation from the town to the concentration camps.

The inscription will be in Polish, Hebrew and English, said Weinbaum, and include names of the dead he could remember.

The fenced-in square will be incorporated into a larger recreational area, including a children's playground, swimming pools and sports facilities. Weinbaum was assured that these would not be built on the cemetery site.

The memorial is to be inaugurated next June or July, Weinbaum said, and he expects a delegation of Zawichost survivors from North America will attend. No Jews live in the town today.

The mayor also spoke of inviting Israeli government representatives to the ceremony.

Zawischost is on the Vistula River, about halfway between Warsaw and Cracow. The great majority of the 3,000 Jews who lived in the town before World War II perished following deportations in October, 1942.

Weinbaum, a survivor of several camps including Majdanek, has been living in Montreal since after the war. He commissioned the sculpture after discovering on a visit to Zawichost last year that only a couple of fragments of headstones remained in the cemetery and that the area had been completely neglected.

On this second trip, Weinbaum says he was "welcomed with open arms" in his hometown. "Poland is not what is was. I found no anti-semitism, only friendship."

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Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Friedberg:

Peace Now here not like Israeli counterpart

TORONTO —

There is a world of difference between Peace Now in Israel and Peace Now in Toronto, says Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

In the text of a recent sermon made available to The CJN, Friedberg, who recently returned from a year in Israel, said he has many friends there who either belong to or are sympathetic to Peace Now.

"They live there, they have to serve in the army and they are good loyal Israelis," he said.

"Every Friday about 11 a.m. just opposite the Kings Hotel in Jerusalem you will see Jewish mothers dressed in black, in demonstration holding up placards with the words Shalom Achshav (Peace Now) or Yesh Gvul which means there's a limit to war and bloodshed."

"That I understand and with that I sympathize," he said. "But they agree with

Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg

me that there is a world of difference between the Peace Now in Israel and that here."

Peace Now supporters in Israel know that they can say there what people in an organization of the same name here cannot "because they are there and we are here," said Friedberg.

Friedberg posed the question to Canadian Peace Now: "Is Israel so completely wrong?" he asked. Is it all right to throw firebombs at Israeli passenger buses? Where was Shalom Achshav when this was done?

"Where is there a word of compassion from Shalom Achshav about the agony of Israelis?" the rabbi asked. "All we hear from Peace Now in Toronto is . . . that (Israel) has lost her soul or is losing her soul."

Friedberg said that while Jews can criticize Israel and debate the issues, "you cannot and must not pressure, and that you cannot and must not lobby for your point of view, whatever it is, if you are here."

The reason is because the Diaspora and Israel are not equal partners — "they are there and alone and we are here and safe," he said.

Jews here should not "run" to the general press and show they can join the rest of the Israel condemners, Friedberg said.

But some Jews go to the general media with their criticisms "perhaps to indicate to the world at large that they are not really like those Israelis over there who are somewhat barbarian and are not to be confused with them," the rabbi said.

He added that Peace Now should put its "ads and statements and letters" in the Jewish press rather than the general media.

Of the Palestine National Council's recent statement in Algiers, he said that upon examining it, "we see there is nothing new and they still don't recognize Israel and they don't want to talk to Israel and they haven't changed their position about destroying Israel."

Friedberg called it a "tactical move" aimed at the United States in an attempt to bring pressure on Israel.

Manishevitz was Boys Town head

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Jack Manishevitz, who served for 10 years as executive director of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem, died here recently. He was 70.

Born and brought up in Toronto, he attended Harbord Collegiate and served as a signalman in the Canadian Army during World War II. Indeed, his Yiddish proved invaluable in picking up clues from German radio broadcasts on the battlefield.

A professional fund raiser for most of his life, Manishevitz not only helped raise money for Boys Town but for UJA as well. He became director of the Canadian arm of Boys Town in 1977.

A member of Big Brothers of Ontario for 26 years, Manishevitz was himself a big brother and regarded that role as one of the best forms of outreach to youngsters.

"If you have personal problems," he once said, "you can go to friends or to a lawyer or to a psychiatrist. But to whom can a confused 14-year-old turn?"

A member of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Manishevitz took part in the Unzer Vinkel, a Yiddish conversation circle, and lectured throughout Ontario on shtetl life and Jewish humor. An ex-president of the Toronto Jewish Historical Society,

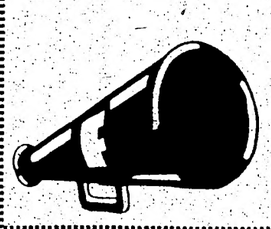
Jack Manishevitz

he also campaigned on behalf of Syrian Jewry and was a volunteer at Baycrest.

"He was a rare idealist with great good humor," says Michael Kerem, Manishevitz's successor. "He loved mankind, but had a special warm regard for Jews, whether intellectuals, working folk or marginal characters."

Manishevitz is survived by his wife, Gertrude; three daughters — Rhoda, Deborah and Shaina of Toronto — one brother, Sid Mannis of Vancouver and four sisters: Ann Mirsky, Sarah Schacter and Pearl Siegel of Toronto and Belle Shapiro of Kelowna, BC.

The Jack Manishevitz scholarship fund has been established at Boys Town Jerusalem. Contributions can be made at the Boys Town office, 2788 Bathurst St., Suite 200, Toronto M6B 3A3, (416) 789-7241.



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Organizations and People

Project launched three years ago

Shelter for Jewish battered women opens soon

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

They were a Jewish couple in their mid-30s with an infant son. He worked in a boutique. From appearances, they were not atypical.

Last year, he was sent to jail for six weeks for assaulting his wife on three occasions. He had given her a black eye with a punch that knocked her down in the street. In a second incident, he choked her and threatened to kill her. The last straw was kicking in a car window, showering her with glass, then pushing her into her apartment and threatening to punch her.

It is for such battered women that the Montreal Section of the National Council of Jewish Women has established Auberge Shalom Pour Femmes, the first shelter following Jewish religious and cultural customs in Montreal and, in its scope, the only one of its kind in Canada.

This past summer, B'nai B'rith Women and the Jewish Family & Child Service launched a pilot housing project in Toronto for battered women, which consists of a rented 2-bedroom apartment with a security system.

Auberge Shalom, which is located in a renovated duplex at an address in West End Montreal that must remain confidential, is scheduled to open at the end of this month.

A symbolic affixing of the mezzuzah by Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung was held recently at Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation at a reception attended by the shelter's benefactors, Jewish community officials, rabbis, city councillors, police and others who have been associated with the project since it was launched three years ago.

The shelter will have 20 beds for abused women and their dependent children. It will serve the health and social services district known as Ste. Justine, which covers the Cote des Neiges, Cote St. Luc and Hampstead areas, where the Jewish population is concentrated.

Although the shelter is kosher (under the supervision of the Vaad Ha'ir) and will have a Jewish ambience, it will be open to women on a non-denominational basis. Jewish Family Services will lend its expertise to Auberge Shalom.

Referrals will be accepted from hospitals, police and public and private social service agencies. Women will be able to stay at the shelter free of charge for a maximum of approximately six weeks.

A director has been chosen, Brenda Yarcag, a social worker at Ville Marie Social Services. One of the reasons the opening of the shelter has been delayed is difficulty finding qualified staff, said Miriam Charron, president of the NCJW, Montreal Section, and chairman of Auberge Shalom.

Other social workers, child care workers and a weekend supervisor are to make up the rest of the staff.

The NCJW has almost reached the $1 million goal it set for its fund raising campaign, which began last winter, but contributors may honor their pledges over a 3-year period, said Charron who initiated the project. "The community has been very generous," added Lola Mendelson, who is in charge of fund raising.

Auberge Shalom's projected annual operating budget is approximately $300,000, Charron said. The Quebec government has promised a $335,000 grant to be paid out over three years.

The house was a gift from Leonard Ellen, while the renovations were donated by Hyman Polansky, both Montreal businessmen. The home has also been furnished thanks to donations from such groups as the Dalse Welfare Club which gave all the kitchen appliances.

Contrary to popular belief, wife battering is a serious problem in the Jewish community, Charron said. Research by the NCJW uncovered about 1,500 cases of wife abuse annually in the Montreal Jewish community.

In the 14 months between November 1984 and January 1986, almost 50 women abused by their husband sought help at Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre.

The NCJW saw the need for a Jewish shelter because it believes many battered Jewish women do not go to existing shelters either for religious reasons, or they do not feel comfortable revealing that there is such a problem in Jewish families to non-Jewish agencies.

In addition to a refuge from abusive men, Auberge Shalom plans to provide its clients with legal and medical referral services, psychological counselling and vocational guidance.

The shelter has the "wholehearted" endorsement of Chief Rabbi Hirschprung. Other rabbis have also lent their support, as have Allied Jewish Community Services (the Jewish Community Foundation has given a grant), and a lengthy list of professionals who deal with battered women.

"There is an increasing number of battered women who need a shelter where they can feel as comfortable as possible during a most difficult period," said Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz of Congregation Beth Tikvah. Rabbi Bernard Leffell, of Shaare Zedek Congregation, called the need "urgent."

Auberge Shalom has received major donations from the community's most prominent families, including the Bronfmans, and corporations such as Olympia & York, which is owned by the Reichmanns of Toronto.

The NCJW continues to look for volunteers to work at Auberge Shalom or help educate the community about the problem of wife battering.

Baycrest joins geriatric program

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has joined with six other local hospitals in a geriatric program designed to allow senior citizens to remain in their own community longer.

Steve Rudin, chief executive officer of Baycrest, said the purpose of the Metro Toronto Regional Geriatric Program is to eliminate the duplication of health services for senior citizens. It will also attempt to keep people in the community as long as possible and thereby reduce the level of institutional admissions.

"It will be of significant benefit to seniors who require a number of health-related services," Rudin said. "It is an idea that is long overdue."

As well as Baycrest and Sunnybrook, other hospitals involved in the program will be Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Toronto Hospital (General and Western), Queen Elizabeth Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, Providence Villa and North York General Hospital.

Set to begin next month with an initial provincial funding of $1 million, the program will receive up to $5.7 million by the time it is fully operational in 1992 from the Ontario ministry of health.

It will serve the frail elderly who suffer from such problems as multiple diseases, atypical symptoms, social problems, functional impairments and behavioral disorders.

"The goal of this regional geriatric program is to reduce preventable institutional admissions, improve the quality of care, reduce complications after illness or surgery and to shorten the length of stay in the hospital for the elderly," said Mavis Wilson, Ontario minister responsible for senior citizens affairs, in introducing the program at Sunnybrook.

"By more accurately diagnosing and treating patients with (a) team of geriatric specialists, we will be able to increase the number of elderly who can continue to live independently in their own communitites following treatment."

Each hospital will offer a multidisciplinary health assessment team with treatment in such areas as mental, emergency, rehabilitative, acute and chronic care. A fully trained team of geriatric professionals will be in charge at each hospital.

By the time the program is fully operational in 1992 the program is expected to have four outreach teams to conduct assessments in people's homes and in remote locations, 30 day hospital spaces for outpatient assessment, increased staffing for 35 acute-care beds and increased staffing for 13 chronic-care beds.

Program administration will be centralized under a management committee representing the seven hospitals and the University of Toronto — which will coordinate and develop geriatric training programs — and will be based at Sunnybrook.

The Metro Toronto centre is one of five planned centres by the provincial government. Other centres have been established in Ottawa-Carleton and Hamilton-Wentworth areas and funding for centres in London and Kingston is expected to be announced next year.

Winnipegger wins Terry Fox award

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Cynthia Lazar was in Israel working on a kibbutz the summer before last when she found out she was a Terry Fox Humanitarian Award winner for 1987-88.

"I had applied but hadn't received acknowledgement of my application," Lazar said. "I thought it got lost in the mail. I was disappointed. Then I forgot about it.

"When I got the message on the kibbutz to call home, I didn't know what it was about. I was so excited, the kibbutz members must have thought I was just a crazy Canadian."

The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award is presented annually to 36 students across Canada to encourage Canadian youth to strive toward the late marathon runner's high ideals. The criteria for the award — up to $4,000 a year to a maximum four years of university or a first degree — include community service, volunteer work and fitness.

Nineteen-year-old Lazar, the fifth student from Joseph Wolinsky High School to win the award in five years — fits the criteria to a "T" and is a tribute to Joseph Wolinsky's program of encouraging its students to become involved in the community.

The youngest in a family of five, the young Winnipeger is currently on the executive of the Jewish Students Association of the University of Manitoba and a supervisor of the juvenile girls division at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

On Sept. 25, she ran in the annual Terry Fox Marathon in the morning and volunteered her time phoning for Super Sunday, the Winnipeg Jewish community's major fund raiser in the afternoon.

She has done volunteer work for the Jewish Child & Family Service and Shalom Home (Jewish group homes for the mentally disabled). She has been active in BBYO, USY and NETWORK. Her first love however is Camp Massad.

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Lazar started at Massad as a camper, went through advanced camp and the counsellor in training program and has been a counsellor every summer (except 1987 when she was in Israel) since 1984 and the camp's drama director since 1985.

Lazar's immediate goals are to earn her BA and live up to the criteria of the Fox Award. Later, she says, she will explore other options. "Right now, I'm interested in law or business," she said, "but that may change later."

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Arabs said building scientific infrastructure

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

As Israel is cutting back financing to its universities, Arab countries are injecting "hundreds of billions" of dollars into theirs, building up a scientific infrastructure that could eventually give them a technological edge, says Bar-Ilan University's dean of natural sciences.

In an interview with The CJN, Harold Brasch worried that an Arab advantage in scientific research — even if it took place in health science — could eventually spill over into military technology.

Brasch said even as he spoke, Arab universities were being built, filling up and developing scientific faculties. He added: "more and more" Arab names have been surfacing in scientific journals.

A theoretical chemist whose work has applications in the design of drugs and laser communications, Brasch's concern was that these Arab advances could have security implications for Israel.

In that context, the professor's visit to Montreal — part of a North American swing that included Miami Beach, Detroit, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia — was to elicit support — moral and otherwise — for Bar-Ilan. Brasch's last stop was to be London, England.

Putting on fundraising shoes is something deans and professors from Israeli universities are becoming increasingly accustomed to.

Brasch himself is more than prepared and willing to do it, because the potential to raise money for pure research — "the underpinning for all research," Brasch stressed — makes the travelling well worth it.

He pointed out that 25% of university funding is derived through its own initiatives, and research is one of the first activities to be sacrificed if goals are not met.

Israel has reduced its contributions to universities by ⅓ — from 75% to 50%.

In Montreal, Brasch was off on a 2-pronged mission.

The first was to attend a "parlor meeting" hosted by Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan president Dr. Mort Lechter and his wife, Bunnie, to raise immediate funds for new equipment under a formula that would bring in matching West German government money.

The money is earmarked for a new research centre at Bar-Ilan studying the interaction of drug receptors.

Brasch's other reason for being here was more "long range," he said. Friends of Bar-Ilan is now "brainstorming" the idea of establishing a scientific advisory board of lay people (made up of professionals from various scientific fields) which would work with Friends in eliciting support for the university.

National executive director Josh Rotblatt said such a board would be a prestigious vehicle, which would "give guidance, direction, input," and could also assist in fundraising efforts.

The concept is being "very well received," he said.

On that note, Brasch mentioned the fact that supporters are also more and more raising the point that Bar-Ilan's scientific work is "one of its best-kept secrets."

Many associate Bar-Ilan primarily with humanities studies, but Brasch said the university has been in the forefront in many areas of scientific research.

Off the top of his head, Brasch cited a new drug called AS-101 that has potential applications in fighting AIDS and cancer and is only one of five new drugs that has been approved for clinical trials in the U.S.

Brasch said the university has also developed a blood test for diagnosing cancer using a new "laser fluorescent" technique as well as "drug delivery systems" using polymers that target the site for drug use more precisely by "unwrapping" it just before it reaches its goal, "like a missile," he said.

A technique has also been refined at Bar-Ilan that could provide radiation therapy with lower dosages but equal efficacy.

Brasch was proud of Bar-Ilan's achievements and said competition was a good thing for Israel's universities.

"In research that's the way it works," he said. "Competition is the best incentive for scientific progress."

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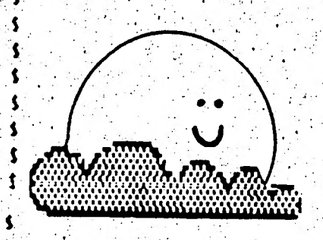

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Joan Mactavish given BBW's coveted honor

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When Mae Brown graduated from University of Toronto in 1972 she was congratulated by people around the world.

Brown, who died in 1973, had become the first deaf-blind person in the Commonwealth and only the ninth in the world to receive a university degree.

Brown was able to study for her BA and go on to work for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind because another person had become her eyes and ears.

Joan Mactavish worked for five years attending Brown's lectures and seminars, taping the material, condensing it into sign language on Brown's hand and then typing it before sending it to a braillist.

In honor of this dedication to Mae Brown and her work with deaf-blind persons, B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto recently presented Mactavish with its coveted Woman of the Year Award at the annual Covenant Breakfast.

Donna Weinrauch, Woman of the Year chairman, told the crowd of almost 400 that "this year's honoree is a woman who for many years has devoted herself to working with individuals less fortunate than herself."

She said that "at BBW we find it easy to relate to our recepient's dedication, since one of the most important principles of our organization is our volunteer commitment to a wide range of community services."

Weinrauch said that Mactavish considered it a privilege to have had a part in Brown's destiny. "When Joan first received our letter honoring her with our award, she wrote back in her acceptance letter that she was absolutely stunned. It was as though she was meeting herself for the first time and began to examine what she had done to deserve such an honor."

Fern Sussman, Covenant Breakfast chairman, said that Mactavish's "dedication as amanuensis (one employed to write from dictation) to the late Mae Brown and her continuing voluntary work improving the quality of life to deaf-blind individuals has distinguished her as an exceptional Canadian Woman.

Mactavish told the emotional crowd that whe "Mae died I thought it wa the end of everything but in deed it was just the beginning. A year later I was back at the CNIB researching how many people had this dual handicap."

She said that the word intervention as she sees it means to provide information and make participation possible, not interference or caregiving. "Today this help is given to 125 adults in Ontario. Mae had a vision that her destiny lay in helping others like herself. This was her legacy to me."

Mactavish said that she has a dream for the deaf-blind and that is to provide a living accommodation option for them. They are lonely. They should have a choice. We want an apartment building with 15-20 suites that allow deaf-blind people to be independent but also have 24-hour intervention available.

She noted that Don Valley Rotary Club is trying to find a site for such an apartment.

Mactavish added that she would also like to see a rehabilitation and training centre for deaf-blind persons and professionally certified interveners and staff.

"What the deaf-blind people need is communication. They don't need ramps, elevators or someone to dress them. They need other people to communicate with them," said Mactavish.

"I leave you with two challenges," she said. "Be open-minded and do not turn away because you don't know the language of the deaf-blind. Just a touch lets them know you're there."

Among others Mactavish received greetings from were Ruth Rose, president, BBW Canada, controller Norman Garner representing Metro Chairman C. Dennis Flynn, Chaviva Hosek, representing Premier David Peterson and North York mayor Mel Lastman.

Correction

In a story on the Beauty for Beauty charity in the Dec. 8 issue, Harvey Kalef, the president of A.R.T. Inc., was mistakenly identified as Claude Monet, the 19th century French impressionist painter.

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Organizations and People

Egyptians violated accords—Rosenne

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Egypt is violating not only the spirit, but the letter, of the Camp David Accords by recognizing the Palestinian state that was declared by the Palestine National Council in Algiers, said the man considered the architect of that agreement, which resulted in the 1979 peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Meir Rosenne, former Israeli ambassador to Washington, said at a State of Israel Bonds meeting, that Camp David stipulates that Palestinian autonomy will have a 5-year transitional period, after which the final status of the territory will be determined.

Egypt's action is as serious as if Israel annexed the territories, said Rosenne who was recently appointed president and chief executive officer of the worldwide Israel Bonds Organization, succeeding Yehuda Halevy. He will assume the position in New York Jan. 1.

Rosenne is incredulous that Egypt would support a PLO state after having suffered terrorist attacks on its embassies in Madrid and Ankara. "And it was Arafat who danced in the streets when Sadat was killed."

Rosenne was in Montreal to speak at a Bonds dinner in honor of Ben Milner held at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Milner, a businessman and past president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization of Canada, was presented with the State of Israel 40th Anniversary Medal.

Rosenne said anyone who sees a positive sign in the PNC Algiers declaration is engaging in "wishful thinking," and criticized those countries, especially Europe, for being encouraged by the PNC's stated acceptance of UN resolutions 242 and 338, and the implicit recognition of Israel.

The PLO has not renounced terrorism and Article 19 of its charter, calling for the destruction of Israel, requires a two-thirds majority to be revoked, which has not taken place.

Rosenne sees other negative signs in the PNC's naming Jerusalem as capital of the Palestinian state and in the contradictory statements it is making to the Arab world.

Despite the international trend of sympathy toward the Arab cause, U.S.-Israel relations will remain strong, he believes, not because of the purported power of the Jewish lobby, but because it is in the best interests of the U.S. to have an ally in the Middle East.

Rosenne indicated that President-elect George Bush is sympathetic to Jewish concerns, and will continue to build upon the good relations between Israel and the U.S. of the past eight years.

Rosenne is encouraged by statements made by Bush during the campaign that he is opposed to an international peace conference on the Middle East and to the inclusion of the Soviet Union in negotiations.

As an aside, he threw cold water on mounting speculation that Israel and the Soviet Union are about to resume diplomatic relations. "This was never true. It was only an attempt to neutralize activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry."

Rosenne said the Soviets "simply do not want an Israeli flag to fly in Moscow." They also do not want to jeopardize weapons sales to the Arab countries.

However, he is confident Israel's relations with the Eastern Bloc will continue to improve.

Seen at the recent Bonds event are (from left) Michael Benjamin, Allan Silber, Benjamin Abileah, Izzy Abrams and Larry Waller.

Plans to create team spirit

Silber heads Ont. Israel Bonds

TORONTO —

Counsel Corp. executive Allan Silber has taken over the position of Ontario chairman for Israel Bonds, it was announced at a recent "Todah" (thank you) reception.

Silber — who will be leading a select group of the executive in developing and implementing Bonds' future strategy — is the first Bonds chairman in three years, says a Bonds news release.

Silber says his key goals are to "raise awareness of State of Israel Bonds within the community, create a team spirit with strategic vision, and specific goals."

The most critical issue is "organization," he said.

"Bonds in Toronto doesn't have as much community support as it could, and that's one of the aspects of trying to hand the baton from the older generation to the younger generation without alienating anybody."

Silber added he accepted the chairman's position because "It is a challenge. It is something that I feel I can contribute to.

"When I do leave the Bonds organization, I want to feel that together with a whole bunch of people I helped to create the foundation for an organization that will last a lot longer than any one person, that will be carried on in perpetuity."

More than 175 people gathered at the Sheraton Centre's Dominion Room where they were thanked by Bonds for their volunteer efforts in this year's campaign.

Guests were entertained by singer Steven Dubov.

Among those to attend the event were Marvin Miller, Bonds synagogues chairman; Sylvia Shawn, Women's Division chairman; Alan Gee, of Gee and Gee Advertising; Michael Bregman, Bonds' executive committee member; Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah; Larry Waller, Bonds executive director, Izzy Abrams, Bonds new leadership chairman; David Frieberg, Harriet Morton and Michael Rosenberg, as well as many other division representatives and community leaders.

Givens warns glasnost could end quickly

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

The point of glasnost is economic, says Judge Phil Givens.

Although in terms of its military might the Soviet Union is a superpower, "in many other respects it is a Third World country" — the people are poor and the economy, wretched," Givens told a recent Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood breakfast.

The former mayor of Toronto visited the USSR this year with a group of 50 Toronto Jews from Beth Tzedec Congregation.

He said that to improve its standard of living, the Soviet Union needs increased economic interaction with the West, and President Mikhail Gorbachev needs an improving economy to justify his policies.

"The Stalinists are waiting for him to fall on his face," said Givens. He emphasized that, in the past, periods of relative liberalization in the Soviet Union have been followed by periods of greater repression.

The current policy of openness presents "a window of opportunity," said Givens, but one that might close "overnight."

"Glasnost can be used by ~~us~~ to get what we want on a quid pro quo basis," he said. "We should do everything in our power to help the Soviets," but in return, "we should demand complete freedom of emigration and full religious and civil rights for Jews in the Soviet Union."

Givens said that the Beth Tzedec group enjoyed complete freedom of movement. They were provided with a guide who showed them around the usual tourist sights, and on their free time, they visited Refuseniks and other Jews.

"There was no surveillance," he said. "I personally talked to over 200 Jews," he said. "We partied, sang songs, attended meetings, gave gifts. . . . And we were welcomed with open arms wherever we went."

Givens said his group attended a synagogue service in Moscow and that the press and television covered this event "for propaganda . . . to show that there is freedom of religion in the Soviet Union."

But, he said, "We were told that the rabbi was a KGB agent and the ushers were informers."

Givens said that the shul "was the only place I was able to speak Yiddish with someone." The Soviet Union has practiced a form of "cultural genocide," said Givens. "They owe us for what they've done to our people, and they owe us a lot."

Givens noted that "not all Refuseniks are Zionists (and) not all who develop a strong Jewish consciousness feel the need to leave (the Soviet Union)." He suggested that roughly half of the Soviet Union's estimated 1.7 million Jews were committed Jews.

Of these, he said that perhaps two-thirds would want to leave, if it were not difficult to do so, and one third would want to stay, if they were guaranteed full religious and civil rights.

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Organizations and People

Israel office in Hungary re-establishes severed ties

By
DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

BUDAPEST —

In a tasteful, modern, diplomatic enclave, and directly across from a building with a fluttering PLO flag, sits the Israel Interest Office.

The office, which opened in March of this year, signifies the resumption of a form of diplomatic relations between Israel and Hungary after 21 years.

Immediately after the Six Day War, the Hungarian foreign ministry summoned David Giladi, then Israeli charge d'affaires, and notified him that Hungary was severing diplomatic relations with his country.

What is the significance of the office? "When two governments want some diplomatic contact but not the full normal range, this 'interest' office is the solution," explained Shlomo Marom, who heads the office.

An Israel Interest Office was established in Warsaw more than a year ago.

Marom sees his task as promoting relations between the two countries. This year 30,000 Israelis, the majority of Hungarian background, visited Hungary. And Hungarians are travelling to Israel — last month 500 tourist visas were issued.

Plans are being made for groups of Israeli children to come next summer and camp with Hungarian Jewish children at beautiful Lake Balaton. And reciprocally, Hungarian youngsters will go to Israel.

Psychiatrist Dr. Julia Szilagyi, 40, will take advantage of the newly restored diplomatic relations, to visit Israel for an extended stay this year. Marom says she is typical of many of her generation born after the war, who have an awakened Jewish awareness.

Szilagy returned to Budapest in August after a 7-month stay in Toronto doing research with the children of Hungarian Holocaust survivors. She confronted Prime Minister Grosz during his visit to the Ontario capital with a request for the whereabouts of her father's grave. (Joseph Szilagyi was chief of staff during Imre Nagy's regime.)

Grosz then promised her immediate action, but despite many letters from Szilagyi following the encounter, has not lived up to his promise.

Marom was born in Hungary. A teenager during the war, he survived by "luck." His parents and family were not lucky — they perished.

Immediately after the war he left for Israel, deciding that "if I'm a Jew, its better to live among Jews," and has lived there ever since with his Hungarian-born wife, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

A sturdy straight-talking man, Marom admitted that he was reluctant to live again in Hungary. It was especially hard for his wife who, he says is "more emotional than I." He agreed only because it was so important to Israel.

"But," he said, "it doesn't mean I forgot what happened here 44 years ago. I didn't forget that Eichmann arrived here with only 14 people to "solve the Jewish problem," and in two months deported 600,000 Jews. This could never have happened without cooperation from the Hungarian people."

When asked if there was still anti-semitism in Hungary, he laughed and answered with this story about Yosef Lapid, editor of the newspaper Maariv.

Lapid visited Hungary with his 25-year-old son, and was telling him about his experiences during the war. The son turned to their Hungarian guide and asked, "Is there still anti-semitism here?"

"Oh no," said the guide, "not today. Perhaps here and there, on a lower level, some very unintelligent people. Really, the problem is with the Jews. Because 90% of the doctors, and 80% of the lawyers and the main television and newspaper people — even theatre — everybody who is somebody is a Jew."

Lapid answered, "Look, they studied, worked hard — they're capable. That's why they succeeded. They're entitled."

"No," said the guide, "you don't understand how they operate. When one of them gets a job they're like this," holding up two fingers, "he immediately brings the others. The problem is definitely the Jews."

Officially today, the government is against anti-semitism. It supports the Hungarian Jewish community culturally and religiously. Marom is impressed with the accuracy and objectivity of reportage on Israel in the Hungarian media.

War orphans forming permanent organization

By
CARMI LEVY

MONTREAL —

When a group of children who survived the Holocaust came together at a United Nations rehabilitation centre near Prien, in Bavaria, Germany, little did they know that 40 years later they'd be holding a reunion and making plans for a permanent organization.

One of the group's founders and its Montreal representative, Suzanne Reich, says the feelings which came out at last July's reunion at a resort in the Catskills are strong enough to ensure that such a group will succeed.

"The bonds of a shared experience when you're young are the strongest bonds that human beings can form," she said.

"I walk in many different circles," said Reich, a Chomedey resident and a mother of two grown daughters. "But never did I feel as much a part of a group as I did a part of this one."

The group she is forming is composed of children who survived the Holocaust and spent the immediate post-war years in United Nations-run rehabilitation centres. The UN kept the children there while they and various Jewish organizations worked on securing their immigration to other countries.

The children were war orphans, who had lost most or all of their families. They couldn't begin a new life in another country because nobody would accept them.

"Nobody wanted us. Israel was busy fighting its own war," said Reich, 57. "We wanted to go to Canada, but Canada had its quotas. So we stayed at the UN centre.

"The Holocaust was too near for us to completely absorb it, so we did not fully realize everything that was going on," said Reich, who survived Auschwitz and was liberated from Terezin when the Germans surrendered in May, 1945. She was 14.

Compared to the destruction that they had survived, the camp was almost a dream come true for the teenagers, most of whom stayed between a month and two years. But the children were still without a home country, and many lied about their country of birth in order to make it onto the right quota lists.

"But there were good things in it, too," said the Hungarian native. "There was a fantastic camaraderie, there were many first loves and there were a lot of things to do. So it was generally a good experience for us."

After her stay at Prien, Reich was brought over to Montreal aboard the American Army troop carrier USS General Stewart along with other refugee children. The Canadian Jewish Congress placed them in foster homes and helped them re-establish their lives in Canada.

The reunion brought together about 130 people from across Canada, the U.S. and even Israel. After 40 years, it was difficult to recognize childhood friends.

"Everyone basically had the same reaction at first," she said. "But the cocktail party the first night opened up a lot of memories. People took out their pictures and a lot of connections were made. It was the little things which brought back more and more memories."

Reich, a tapestry weaver, said she expects many more people will eventually join the ranks of the group. They'll try to hold a reunion every two years in a different part of North America.

In the meantime, they keep in touch via conference calls and they've begun publishing a newsletter.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the new group, can call Suzanne Reich at (514) 681-0463.

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Organizations and People

Moslem radicals oppose "corrupting" trends

By
ANDRE SELEANU

MONTREAL — Radical fundamentalist Islamic movements aim to purge the Middle East of modern trends seen as corrupting traditional culture, says Hebrew University Islamic history Prof. Emmanuel Sivan.

Sivan was speaking in a lecture at the Jewish Public Library, co-sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, Eastern region, and by the Jewish Book Month consortium.

An internationally acclaimed specialist in Islamic history, who advised the Israeli government on Arab affairs between 1984 and 1987, Sivan is now a visiting professor at Princeton University.

Earlier in the day, Sivan was at the Israeli stand at the Salon du Livre at Place Bonaventure, where his recent books Radical Islam and Interpretations of Islam were featured.

Sivan said that North Americans have a distorted perspective of Islamic radicalism. The TV viewer sees various outcomes of violent acts perpetrated by fundamentalists against Israel and the U.S. and thinks that fundamentalism is primarily anti-Western.

To correct this perception, Sivan emphasized that the primary focus of radical Islam is the struggle within Islamic countries themselves against cultural influences perceived as alien to Koranic teaching.

Such influences include television entertainment, family planning, immodest clothing for women, or women's work outside the home, Sivan said.

Sivan said Sunni fundamentalism in the Gaza Strip and the south of the West Bank has been a factor in the uprising. Radical Islamic clergy have in both areas been successful in fomenting the intifada. Islamic clergy have, in fact, initiated this movement of defiance to Israeli rule. "For radicals, any occupation of land by non-believers is sacrilegious," Sivan said.

The situation in Gaza, and, increasingly, in the south of the West Bank is "bad news," he said. "Terrorism, subversion and other obstacles on the way to peace, may well continue for another 10 years," Sivan said.

The lecturer drew a distinction between the Shia and the Sunni varieties of radical Islam. The Shia of Iran possess a well-organized clergy with an autonomous economic base and a well-defined chain of command. Sunni radicalism on the other hand, was slow in forming, as the Sunni clergy is basically an egalitarian lay institution.

There are at present no links between Sunni and Shia radicals, Sivan said.

Referring to Iranian politics, Sivan said that, while the Shia fundamentalist movement has demonstrated its organizational savvy and political power by overthrowing the Shah in 1979, its leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini "should not be seen today as the political puppeteer of the Middle East."

Despite its victory at home, the Shia branch of Islam of Iran can only be exported with difficulty to Arab countries; as their populations, which are overwhelmingly Sunni, reject the often unseemly and ecstatic forms of Shia piety.

Iran is embarked now on an inward-looking phase of consolidation of its Islamic regime, and it suffers from exhaustion following the war with Iraq. Sivan drew an analogy between the situation of the Soviet Union in the late 20s, one decade after the October revolution, bent then on "building socialism in one country," and the Iran of today.

"In Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and the Sudan there is a constant revolutionary situation," Sivan said. These societies, whose population is growing fast, experience rising expectations, especially in the lower middle-class, but revenue has not risen fast enough in the Arab world to meet such expectations, particularly since the 1983 decline in oil prices.

Factors contributing to the revolutionary situations in some Arab countries are the isolation of the rulers from the population's concerns as well as the perception of opulence in the West, reinforced by imported television programs. There is also resentment against rich fellow Arabs.

Faced with the complexity and the inequalities of the present world, Islamic radicals have concluded that modernity is immoral, while a life strictly regulated by the injunctions of the Koran is the only answer to present challenges, Sivan said.

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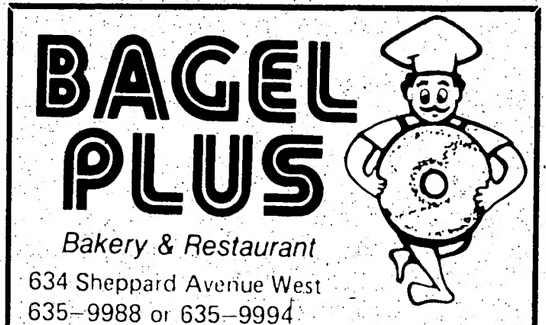

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Variety of dazzling styles shown at Eglinton store's annual event

By ALEXANDRA PENN

The French Collections held its 3rd annual winter fashion show at its Eglinton Ave. store and featured 85 styles that offered a warm, Mediterranean look and feeling.

Light-weight, straight-legged pull-on velour pants, sweatshirt-look tops and skirts in purple, green, black, red, chocolate brown and blue, allowed winter to seem welcome.

A black velour cropped jacket was teamed with a mini skirt with an eyelet treatment around the hem while leggings with faux fur at the cuffs was combined with a brown sweatshirt.

A winter white flared knit skirt and bolero jacket with subtle matador images discriminately placed in red and mustard wowed the audience as did big pants that fell straight from pleated or gathered waists, which were worn with a jacket or with a sweater.

Purple passion in the boardroom? Today, yes, in this brushed flannel suit which could easily become a uniform. The skirt is straight. The jacket supporting a luxurious looking shawl collar drapes loosely around the neck and shoulder area, effecting a cameo magic. Velvet buttons finished the look.

The 40s tailored look was featured. The pants were high-waisted, loose and cuffed while the jackets were semi-fitted.

Somewhere between emerald and hunter green emerged an extraordinary suit, the jacket of which sported Medici sleeves, pleated at the shoulder with a grand shawl collar. The hem was gently scalloped black detail.

Three-quarter swing coats were worn over suits, dresses and pants. A cherry red coat with the versatility of day or night-time chic, appeared with a showy shawl collar and plenty of cuff on the sleeves. A pastel pink style featured wide shoulders which were set off by a large purple shawl thus producing a total Parisienne look.

Dinner anyone? Cooking is forbidden tonight. The dinner and tuxedo suits shown beg to be escorted. More than once. Nothing blase about a black dinner suit with a 3-tiered back-pleated shoulder. Another dazzling dinner suit in deep purple featured a soft looking, semi-fitted jacket with slash pockets with three soft folds at the pockets which matched the pocket detail on the skirt.

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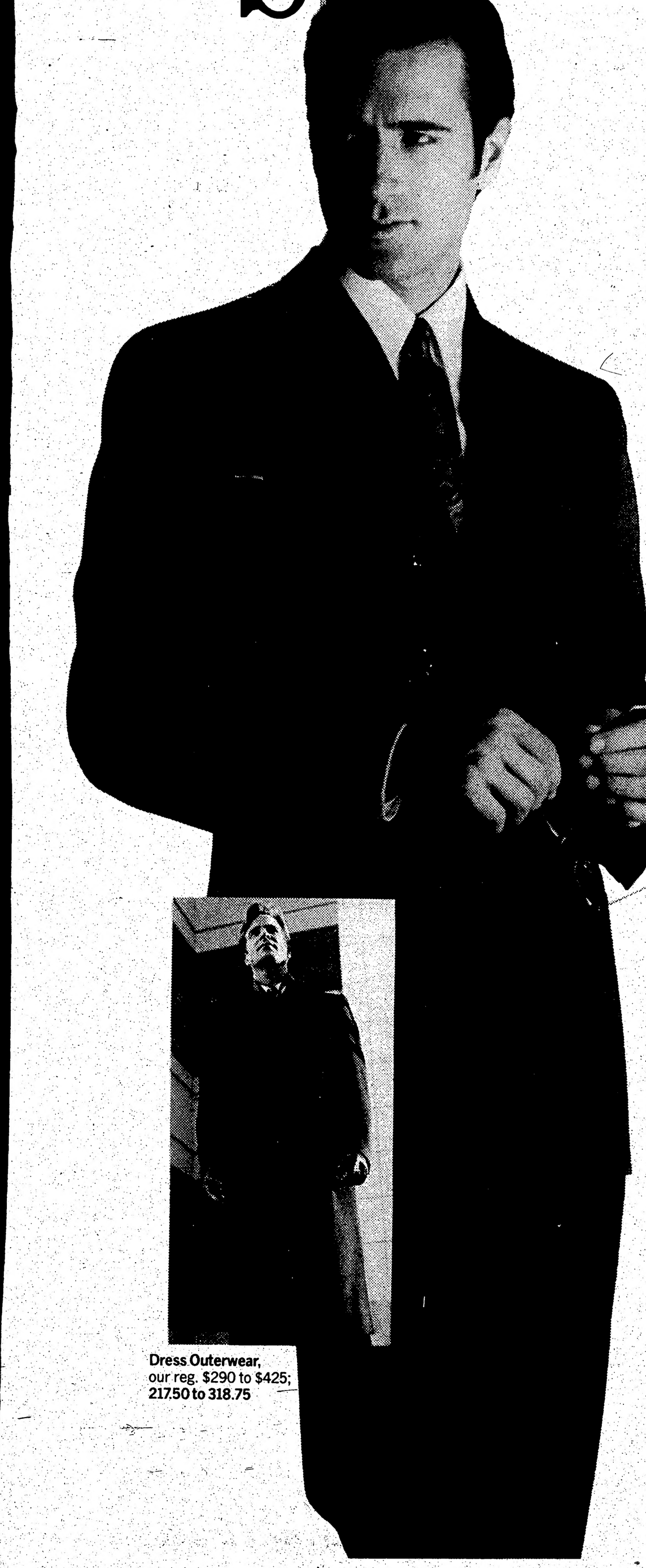

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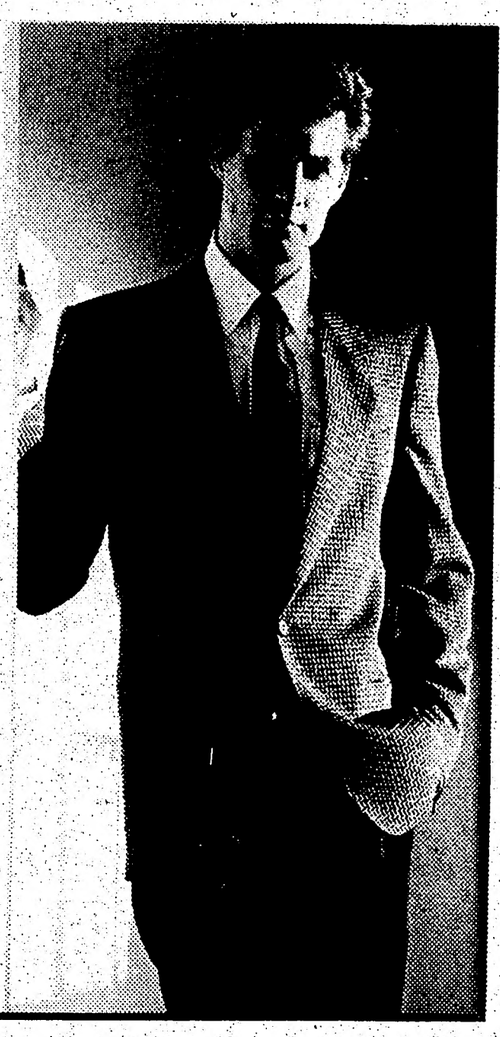

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Designer Elen Henderson renowned for smocking

Children's clothing designer Elen Henderson died last week at North York General Hospital.

The 82-year-old native of Leeds, England, who trained as a milliner's assistant, came to Canada in 1924. She told The CJN last February — Henderson's work was featured in the spring fashion supplement — that she was unable to find work in her own field so she took a job in the boys' cap division of an Eaton's factory.

Soon thereafter she married Finlay Henderson, who died in 1975, and devoted her time to home and motherhood. Henderson's talent for designing children's wear became apparent only after her two daughters, Shirley and Norma, were born. She received so many compliments for the outfits she created for the girls that she began the business.

Henderson, who was renowned for her smocking, made her first samples in the basement of her home. She took these to The Nursery, a shop which was located on Bloor St. Encouraged by the fact the clothes sold quickly, Henderson approached Eaton's and Simpsons and Elen Henderson Ltd. quickly took off.

The family-owned company — Henderson was chairman of the board as well as chief designer, daughter

Elen Henderson

Shirley Cheatley is president and grandson David Cheatley is comptroller — distributes garments exclusively to specialty shops across Canada and many stores in the United States including Bloomingdale's in New York.

In the February interview, she said the firm has the "solid value" consumers desire.

"Elen Henderson Ltd. is a custom business and we will always keep it that way. We try to provide durability and quality."

She is survived by her daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robichaud's fur collection hits heights of elegance

Michel Robichaud has created a fur collection for this winter which is marked by the refined luxury and sumptuous elegance of bygone days.

The mood of the moment demands creative styles without excess, with re-proportioned silhouettes, beautiful skins and the sure hand of a master.

For Robichaud, who last spring celebrated his 25th anniversary as a designer, femininity is key, whether in sport coats for weekend wear or elegant styles for night-time drama.

Some jackets are longer and can be worn equally well with skirts and pants.

Mink is the star of the season but also important is fox (dyed in fashion's newest colors), beaver (sheared or natural) and raccoon, the skins of which are worked horizontally for a new, sophisticated look.

As well as three new natural shades, white, blue and red are also important.

As for shape, there are two silhouettes. Straight and simple acts as counterpoint to ample shaping. Coats and long jackets follow body curves.

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Romantic, slightly watered down thriller

Tequila Sunrise gives viewers appetizing filmic treat

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Tequila Sunrise, written and directed by Robert Towne, summons up cinematic memories of the 1940s.

Towne's strongly-scripted, intelligently-acted picture, set in contemporary Los Angeles, revolves around universal themes like friendship, love, loyalty, and betrayal.

Much like film noire, this romantic, moody, slightly watered down thriller thrives on revealing closeups, crisp language larded with double entendres, the stench of corruption, off-handed humor, abrupt violence and the shock of sudden twists.

Like *Chinatown*, for which Towne produced an Academy Award-winning screenplay, Los Angeles is perceived ambivalently. It's a sunlit, airy, healthy city, but the rot of treachery and double-dealing is close to the placid surface.

Kurt Russell, Michelle Pfeiffer and Mel Gibson star in Tequila Sunrise.

The use of light is redolent of another era as well. The film, in the main, unfolds in rather dim places, like a sophisticated, wood-panelled Italian restaurant noted for its excellent food, fine wines and solicitous service. By way of juxtaposition, the brilliantly sunny, hedonistic seaside playgrounds of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach, with their languid bathers and energetic surfers, are glimpsed.

Conflict is the piston that drives the engine of *Tequila Sunrise*.

The action pits Dale (Mac) McKussic (Mel Gibson), a sometime drug dealer, against Nick Frescia (Kurt Russell), a cop who happens to be his best friend.

Although they've taken radically different paths in their lives, they're still attached to each other and basically share the same interests. McKussic wants to go straight, but his ex-wife, cousin and former Hispanic associate, Carlos, want him to stay in the business. Frescia is under pressure to lock up McKussic and find Carlos. But Frescia is loath to go after his friend, whom he wants to give the benefit of the doubt.

As McKussic and Frescia work toward their respective goals, Jo Ann Vallenari (Michelle Pfeiffer) is caught in the middle. Vallenari owns an upscale restaurant frequented regularly by McKussic, and naturally, the police wonder whether she and McKussic are partners.

Drawn to both McKussic and Frescia, Vallenari finds herself in a monumental bind, aggravated by the appearance of a Mexican police official (Raul Julia).

Pfeiffer, Gibson and Russell complement each other seamlessly. Pfeiffer, languorous and demure, is the late 1980s edition of the late Veronica Lake. She's beautiful, remote, controlled and sensual. Gibson has a lost-boy look in his eyes, vulnerable and seemingly directionless. Russell, his black hair slicked back, his body encased in an expensive, incongruous Italian-cut suit, radiates raw, untamed power and limitless passion which, as it turns out, is blocked.

Julia, for his part, is the epitome of cynicism and opportunism.

The plot is not hard to follow, but there are times when it becomes rather muddled and confusing, perhaps purposely so. Towne may have set out with the objective of blurring motives and fudging situations in order to create an atmosphere of ambivalent morality.

Altogether, *Tequila Sunrise* is an appetizing filmic treat. It is attractive to look at and it is digested with a minimum of fuss.

It's playing at Famous Players theatres.

Flighty Full Moon fails to fulfil

TORONTO —

Peter Masterson's film is, to paraphrase William Shakespeare, as gentle as the rain from heaven.

It's so gentle, in fact, that it glides right by you, without making a splash, never mind a ripple.

Full Moon in Blue Water, besides being quite a mouthful, just does not leave any lasting impression. It's one of those films you forget almost the minute it ends.

Starring Gene Hackman and Teri Garr, *Full Moon* is about four people — Floyd (Hackman), a restaurant owner drowning in sorrow; Louise (Garr), an ex-cocktail waitress who has set her sights on him; the general, Floyd's dotty, crochety father-in-law (Burgess Meredith); Jimmy (Elias Koteas), the half-wit who is paid to amuse him.

As it opens, Floyd is yet again watching a home movie of his late wife, Dorothy. He's so upset and preoccupied by her disappearance that he has let the once successful Blue Water Grill sink into insolvency.

Charlie (Kevin Cooney), the less than honest real estate agent, wants to buy his decrepit place. He and a conniving local developer (the locale is a sleepy Texas Gulf Coast port) have inside information about it that can make them prosperous.

Louise, no dumb blonde, gets wind of it and warns lethargic Floyd.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Full Moon* unfolds more like a play than a movie. There's something static, almost claustrophobic, about it. The lack of tension is palpable. Very little actually happens. And what happens is not all that exciting.

Looking all worn out, world-weary and distinctly ordinary, Hackman is right for his role.

Garr is bouncy and vital, while Meredith, a voice from the past, is one fine character actor.

Koteas is too sane to play an off-centred personality; Cooney is the ultimate flimflam man; Gil Glasgow comports himself well as a shambling cop.

For all its finely-calibrated performances, *Full Moon* rarely elicits a viewer's interest. Before you know it, it's over, and you leave the theatre with an empty feeling in your stomach. — S.K.

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Salutin fiction a roman a clef for Toronto characters

Pitiable creature's life a triumph despite travails

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

A MAN OF LITTLE FAITH, by Rick Salutin. McClelland & Stewart $24.95.

Oskar, the hero (or anti-hero) of this intriguing novel, is a pitiable creature.

We are informed that "He was the ugliest Jew who came out of Nazi Germany. Sadists had left his face deformed and drooling. An aspiring historian without the necessary academic requirements and a failed journalist, he ends up as director of religious education at the Pillar of Fire Temple, Toronto's prestigious Reform congregation.

Two successful acquaintances from out of the past become objects of his irrepressible envy: Willi Schropp, the tennis playing scholarly spiritual leader of the congregation; and Hermann a rabbi in nearby Oshawa who, in time, becomes professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto.

Unmarried and lonely, bitter and cynical, given to lurid sexual fantasies and to continual self-abuse, Oskar's life "is a swamp of passivity, a Jewish passion play. He is rich in feeling: anger, despair, regret, elation . . . By acting on the future, he evades the present, his own life."

At the core of his insecurity is his lack of religious faith. While still in Germany, in an unforgettable encounter with the eminent philosopher Martin Buber, he had confessed that "Maybe with things as they are, there isn't time to have faith." Buber had liked this assertion. But for Oskar the paradox of the head of a religious school without commitment or belief is rankling and unsettling.

A victim of despondency and irresolution, Oskar remains a superb teacher, beloved by his staff and admired by his students and colleagues. Bumbling and clumsy in his personal relations, he is a figure of respect as he searches for increased understanding and as he makes his questing, questioning way through life's uncertainties — an indominable character.

Readers familiar with the Toronto Jewish community of the recent past will quickly grasp that this is a roman a clef — the main characters (and some of the lesser ones) thinly disguised. Their resemblance to figures living and dead is not accidental. Those who feel that the depictions are unkind, and even caricatures, must keep in mind that this is a fiction, not authentic collective biography.

Like most first novels, A Man of Little Faith, is largely autobiographical and many of Oskar's experiences are undoubtedly those of the author as religious school teacher, summer camp counsellor, journalist and editor, visitor in Israel, participant in New York's intellectual life and a patient on a psychoanalyst's couch.

The book's unknown narrator is often witty and mordant, informed about Toronto middle-class Jewish life and the foibles of the makers and shakers of the community.

The set pieces are memorable and the writing is replete with deft and colorful phraseology. Few readers will forget Oskar's stormy meeting with famous Gershom Scholem in Jerusalem, his triumph over an anti-semitic high school teacher in Alberta and the indignation of Dr. Paltz, "I may not know much about Judaism. But I am one of the goddam best psychoanalysts on Avenue Road."

Oskar movingly relates the course of his final illness, death and burial. The reader suspects that one of the mourners at the burial service is an ironic description of the author himself. "They had high hopes for him once. He would be a rabbi, perhaps return to the Pillar of Fire — one of their own in the pulpit ... somewhere they all lost him; no faith, no loyalty to the community, an anti-Zionist, I think."

At the end, Salutin wants us to think well of Oskar. He is an honest and compassionate man whose life and work made a difference. He fulfils the essence of the book's epigraph by Martin Buber. "More powerful and more holy than all writing is the presence of a man who is simply and immediately present."

The novel's major difficulty is that Oskar, either as person or symbol, is too frail to carry all the weight of experience, history, travail and memory that is piled upon him. He staggers and falls under the load and his many-sided life story becomes tedious and protracted.

A Man of Little Faith is about a displaced person with his own distinctive passion and concern whose life, despite everything, is a kind of triumph.

"Angel" rescues comedy pilot

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

An overseas "angel" rescued the crew and actors making *Prime Rib*, a TV comedy pilot, when he donated $20,000 after Tele-Film withdrew their proposed $80,000 financing.

"After we got the news from Tele-Film we were all down in the dumps," said Marty Galin. "Then I remembered that Bruno Gideons, a man I met in Meyer's restaurant, said that he would help us if needed.

"I phoned him in Switzerland and the next day he had his lawyer arrange $20,000 for us. The only condition he put on it was that there should be nothing anti-semitic in the show."

So now the 22-minute pilot is in the can at a cost of about $150,000 nearly all of it in contributed services or donations.

The pilot was previewed at a party recently at Meyer's restaurant on Yorkville Ave., and Marty and his friends are hoping that one of the TV networks in Canada will buy it.

"The Alndon Group did $40,000 worth of editing free, Burger King gave us $3,000 worth of food and Labatts contributed $15,000," Galin said. "Film House and Producers Group Int. did the sound mixing and CKVR-TV in Barrie let us use their facilities for two weeks."

Tele-Film withdrew their support because they did not feel comfortable with the script, he said. Galin and Gloria Zamin wrote the pilot.

Prime Rib is a comedy soap set in the mythical Canadian town of Heffer Hills whose residents represent a multicultural mix, Galin said. "It is about blue collar workers, not the beautiful people. Two of the chief characters run a service station, Grizzly's Gas Bar. Another character is a Jewish widow."

The crew and actors lived on burgers, for breakfast, lunch and dinner during the several weeks of shooting. At one point Burger King provided 150 burgers for one lunch, sending over enough for the TV station staff too, Galin said. Several Barrie businesses, including a beauty salon, allowed their premises to be used as sets.

Beside Galin, others in the cast are Diane Douglass, Gloria Slade, Bruce Tubbe, Sam Walton, and Gloria Zamin, who all play three or four characters each. Guest starring in the pilot are Craig Russell, the impersonator, Carol Robinson (Miss Penelope of TV), Shelly Goldstein and Suzanne Merriam.

Jim Bach is the director and the co-producers are CKVR and ZamGal Productions. Beverly Schectman and Judy Cooper-Sealy contributed their services as make-up and hair artists. Joe Sealy composed the music.

Marty Galin, as Ernie, and Gloria Zamin, as Tulip, star in Prime Rib.

Galin and his friends don't give up. They produced two earlier pilots, in the past five years, Kosher Thrills and Dills and Galinsky's Restaurant but there were no buyers.

"If we don't sell this in Canada, I'll get in the car and criss-cross the U.S. We've got a winner this time."

Songwriting book helps face the music

By DAVID BIRKAN

Peter Pickow and Amy Appleby's *The Billboard Book of Songwriting* (General Publishing, $25, softcover) will help thoughtful readers face the music that surrounds them. Some may also find it a manual with which to realize their own songwriting desires.

The 200-page softcover book details the structure and techniques of pop, jazz, blues, rock 'n'roll, and rhythm and blues. These popular forms of music inundate society, from TV and videos and almost every radio station, to their diluted background versions in the workplace and the shopping mall. A moment's reflection may provide some idea of how integral such music is to society, here and around the world.

And the music keeps coming. Pickow points out that about 125,000 new songs are registered for copyright in Washington, every year.

The demand is also breathtaking. He says records, tapes, CDs, the media, cable TV, movies, Broadway and other musicals, music publishing, education, business, government, and advertising are all clamoring for good songs — for great songs, if possible.

Pickow defines a great song as one in which "melody, harmony, and lyrics work together to create a memorable statement or mood." They include the Gershwins' *A Foggy Day*, as well as many Beatles songs.

Pickow delves into the techniques of songwriting, introducing the reader in easy to follow prose and notation to the elements of music writing professionalism. A song's form, comprising introduction, verse, chorus, hook, bridge, and coda, is described in the language of the people in the business.

He devotes a chapter to each popular form of music, pointing out the major differences between them. Readers who like, say, jazz, will have their appreciation enhanced.

Pickow, a professional musician and arranger, also discusses leadsheets (a song's notation), demos, as well as the latest electronic technologies employed in professional music.

Cultural considerations aside, some readers may also use the Billboard book to get that song in their heart out onto paper or cassette.

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Showbiz Mishmash

"Fast Eddie" Goodman is a fast and funny quipster

By
FRANK RASKY

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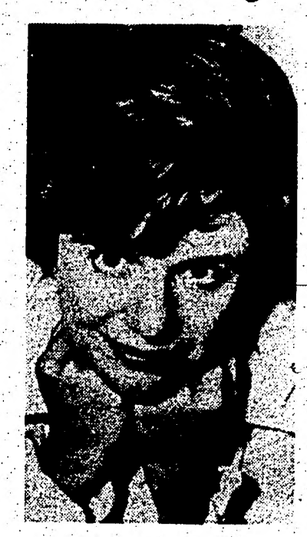

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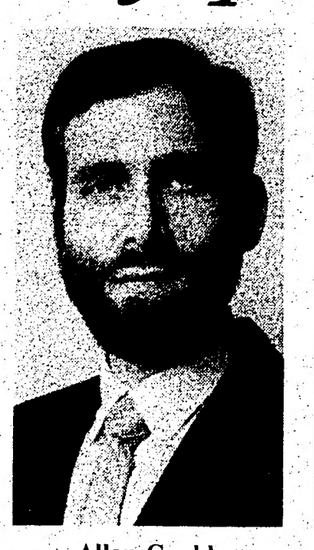

Allan Gould

Adrien Arpel

I've always known that **"Fast Eddie" Goodman** was a fast and agile power-broker behind the scenes of the Tory party.

But I didn't know he was fast and funny with a quip as a yarn spinner.

Neither did I know he was a fast and adroit fund raiser for the arts in Canada.

Now I know, because I've just had an interview with the 70-year-old back-room mover-and-shaker after reading his engaging autobiography. It's titled *Life Of The Party: The Memoirs of Eddie Goodman* (Key Porter Books; 313 pages; $26.95).

He establishes his Jewish credentials in the first chapter, having been steeped in Zionism since birth.

His Toronto lawyer father **David** was chairman of United Palestine Appeal and president of YMHA. His Orthodox grandfather, a grumpy, irascible, horse-and-wagon junk peddler from Galicia, was remembered respectfully by WASP politicians in Ontario's Huron County as **"Charlie the Jew** — the toughest guy who ever came to the town of Wingham. He had to be tough to be the only Jew in Wingham and survive."

Eddie, who attended Holy Blossom Temple Sunday school from the age of 7, acquired a showbiz flair at Harbord Collegiate. "In grade 10, **Johnny Wayne** sat on my left and **Frank Shuster** on my right," he recalls. "I was their first straight man."

Composer **Louis Applebaum** sat behind Goodman. But though his cultured mother, **Cecile**, hired a parade of excellent piano teachers for precocious Eddie, he never did become a second **Arthur Rubenstein**. "My ear for music," he cheerfully admits, "has been of the purest tin."

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However, though he couldn't hold a tune, he developed a passion for ballet as a result of having to take his kid sister, **Cecily**, to pirouette in her lessons at the **Boris Volkoff School of the Dance**.

Goodman has a fascinating chapter in his book about the fundraising hardships involved in the 1950s when he became a founder and then president of the National Ballet of Canada.

Ignited by the idealism of its Jewish London-born artistic director **Celia Franca**, he zealously persuaded friends, ranging from **Eph Diamond** of Cadillac Development to **Sam Shopsowitz**, the pasha of pastrami, to cough up cash and deli sustenance to enable the dance troupe to rehearse at the drafty, dirty St. Lawrence Hall on King St., long a flophouse for indigent tramps.

Goodman stepped down from his post in 1960, after 10 years of campaigning for the ballet company. By then, he had joined his father in building Goodman and Goodman, which ultimately grew from a 2-member family firm to one with more than 80 lawyers and 300 staff on five floors of office space.

Looking back at his efforts on behalf of the National Ballet, he writes, "My father was annoyed at my dedication to terpsichore and suggested that I should trade my court gown for a tutu. My mother, on the other hand, was thrilled. Celia Franca used to say to me, 'In time the world's great dancers will be flattered to dance with our company,' and she was right."

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Goodman is likewise entertaining when he writes of being asked by **Premier Bill Davis** to take over the operation of the Royal Ontario Museum. He was naively unprepared for the sad state of the ROM's finances. The museum was flat broke. He writes:

"At a board meeting I attended before I took office, I was asked if I had any comment. I simply said, 'I was under the misapprehension that I was being appointed chairman of the board. In fact I have been appointed as a trustee in bankruptcy for the Royal Ontario Museum. The institution is totally insolvent.' "

He talked the board into hiring its first full-time development officer, so that the museum could embark on a $12 million public fund raising campaign. Goodman describes the interview he had with the most promising candidate. It was **Robert Howard**, an amiable Varsity graduate, who had played professional hockey with the New York Rangers.

Howard asked Goodman, "what do *you* see as *your* role in this campaign?"

"I want you to know," replied Goodman, "that for a cause I believe in, I can kissass with the best of them."

Howard laughed and said, "I want the job."

Goodman ends the story drolly: "We have been now kissassing together for five years."

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Goodman, who has also served as director of the Shaw Festival and chairman of Special Gifts for the United Jewish Appeal, says Jews have always been community leaders in support of the arts.

"We are the original People of the Book, with a passion for learning," he says. "In every cosmopolitan city, we're the backbone of the book publishing, theatre-going and concertizing fields of culture."

And he says that wherever he has met a fellow Jew, whether while travelling around the world or serving as major in the Fort Garry Horse Armored Regiment during World War II, there has always been an instant bond between them. "That kinship is part of our heritage," he says. He goes on to declare firmly:

"While in the 1930s, it was commonplace to run into bigotry and anti-semitism, it had no harmful effect on me either then or throughout my life. When I encountered it, I would be angered. But then I would laugh and feel sorry for the bigots.

"It has always been my belief that being Jewish gave me a richer life and, in the various non-Jewish worlds I travelled in, drew attention to me, which allowed me to show my mettle."

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I recommend the new second edition of *A Concise History of Canadian Painting* for people who want a lucid and illuminating easy-to-read guide (Oxford University Press; 419 pages; $29.95). It has been updated and intelligently illustrated by **Dennis Reid**, curator of Canadian historical art at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Promote abstract artists

As a positive criterion, I noticed that it gives due recognition to two of my favorite Toronto Jewish artists — **Aba Bayefsky** and **Jack Nichols** — and **David Mirvish** is lauded for promoting abstract artists in his former Toronto gallery during the 1950s and 1960s.

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Richard Ellmann, one of the wittiest of Jewish biographers, has written with compassion and panache the life story of one of the wittiest playwrights who ever lived in *Oscar Wilde* (Penguin Books of Canada; 632 pages; $12.95).

It's erudite and authoritative, and sparkles with Ellman aphorisms like this one: "Wilde had to live his life twice over, first in slow motion, then at top speed. During the first period he was a scapegrace, during the second a scapegoat."

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A tip of my hat this week goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to the 29-year-old Toronto portrait photographer of celebrities, the daughter of Montrealers **Rose-Marie** and **Daniel Winterfeld**, who prefers to be known professionally as **Rafy**. In Toronto, she has photographed visiting Hollywood stars the likes of **Paul Newman, Shirley MacLaine, Diane Keaton**, and **Faye Dunaway**, for publications ranging from *People Magazine* to *TV Guide*. She took the photograph I ran in this column recently of Toronto sculptor **Maryon Kantaroff**, who has returned that favor by snapping this shot of Rafy. She's available for portrait assignments, and can be reached at 595-1005. Meanwhile, she's preparing for her first major retrospective to be held next year at D Gallery on Markham St.

Congratulations to **Jean Baer**, the feminist Jewish author of such previous books as *Don't Say Yes When You Want To Say No* and *How To Be An Assertive — Not Aggressive — Woman*. Her newest is the lively, 372-page, $11.50 paperback published by Priam Books, *The Self-Chosen: "Our Crowd" Is Dead, Long Live Our Crowd*. Her profiles focus on today's JEPs — Jewish Elite Persons — and I thought most inspiring was her rags-to-riches portrait of **Adrien Arpel**, the cosmetics queen I've always found charming in interviews. She launched her first cosmetics shop in Englewood, NJ, at 17 with $400 in baby-sitting money. Now she rules more than 450 Arpel boutiques in North America.

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My exit line comes from **Allan Gould's** hilarious 9th book, even funnier than the Toronto satirist's previous *Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists*. It's *The Great Wiped Out North* (General Publishing; 228 pages; $19.95), a terrific bar mitzvah gift, which lampoons hallowed Canadian institutions. Here's his ironic definition of the Globe and Mail:

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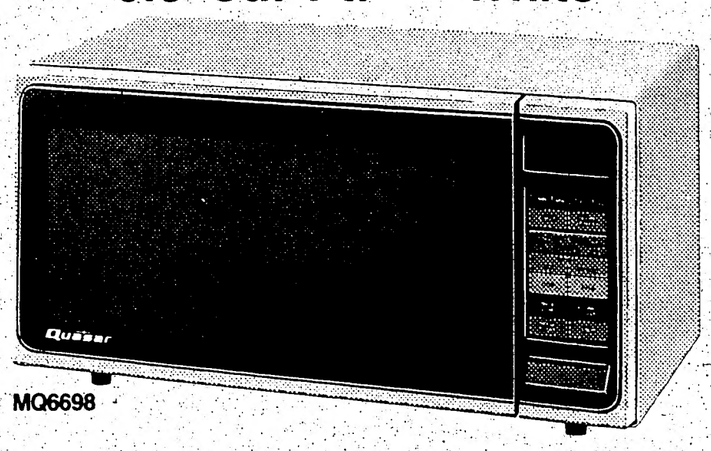

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Arts

Sees "a sensuality" in texture, tones and grain of stone

Leon Bookman sculpts for the joy and the challenge

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Flame, Leon Bookman's recent sculpture, leaps glowing from the rosy alabaster.

Bookman hasn't always been a sculptor. In fact this is a progression from the craft of crewel embroidery to painting to working in stone.

Nor has he always explored the arts.

He spent eight years with the Royal Canadian Air Force, enlisting at the age of 18 back in Ottawa, his home town, just before war broke out in 1939.

He never went overseas but instead, as a member of the administrative division, was sent across Canada to open new stations. With each move he was promoted and notes, "At 21 I became the youngest warrant officer in the country."

Married while he was in the service, he planned on remaining with the RCAF permanently, but found he didn't like the peacetime force. After a venture in offset printing, he went into the grocery business with his father-in-law and brother-in-law in Buffalo, NY.

Flame — alabaster sculpture by Leon Bookman.

Within six years he sold his interest and later became a partner in a single independent market which grew into a chain of 25 stores. A "people" person, he turned on-the-job training into expertise in retail production with emphasis on human resource development.

He eventually left the grocery business but serves now as a consultant to government and private companies as well as lecturing at colleges, universities and trade associations.

But what of the crafts, the painting, the sculpture?

As problems enveloped his marriage, he eased the tension by turning to crewelwork (embroidery with worsted yarn). It was his escape valve.

At first he used prepared kits, but then began to create his own patterns. "I found I could draw," he says, "and I wanted to concentrate on Judaic subjects."

In the same way, his paintings evolved from copies to originals.

His marriage was dissolved and he returned to Canada, settling in Toronto. In 1976 he married CJN columnist Miriam (Herman) Bookman.

Sculpting became a consuming interest. "I was taking a ceramics course at the Jewish Community Centre, doing something with clay, when I saw these women chipping away at stone and thought I'd like to try that."

It has become almost an obsession. He likes the texture, the tones, the grain of stone. "There's a sensuality to it."

He uses a variety of materials — granite, which is the hardest, onyx and marble. Above all, however, he prefers the wonderful colors of alabaster and the softness which makes it easier to chisel.

And he is amazed at what emerges. Like many of the Innuit stone carvers he declares, "I never know what I'm going to end up with."

Bookman's works range from purely abstract to representational. They can be graceful, powerful, whimsical. There is the tender mother and child; the strong dark green swirl he calls Vortex; a cavorting clownlike creature; and he has done a rabbinical figure.

Sometimes he is in awe of what comes from the stone and he asks, "My God, did I do this? It's like someone's moving my hand."

He still turns to crewel for relaxation and completed relicas of all 12 Chagall windows, embroidering them in the intense blues, greens and reds of the originals. He donated them, in memory of his parents, to Ottawa's Agudath Israel Synagogue, where the pieces have a place of honor.

Bookman sculpts for the joy and the challenge. He has given his works to relatives and friends and kept a few. Some were exhibited at Yorkville's Heritage Galerie, at Artworks in Thornhill and at several Buffalo locations.

Others are currently on display at Denison Gallery in Markham. So encouraging is the response that a comprehensive exhibition is planned at the gallery in April. (Denison Gallery is at 7455 Victoria Park Ave. Its phone number is 477-2552.)

Toronto gallery deals in ancient Jewish art

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

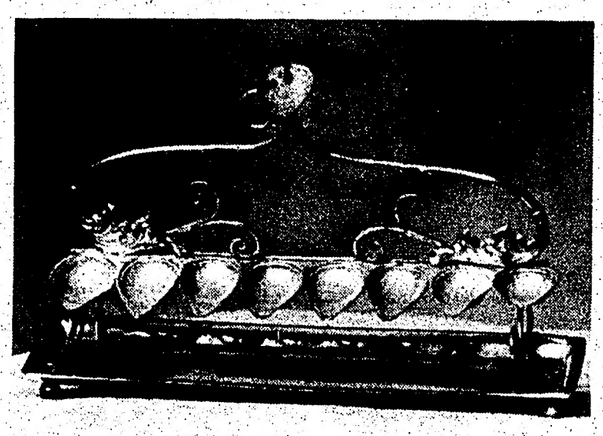
TORONTO —

The Antique Judaica Gallery, on Bathurst St., is considered by co-owner Allan Seidenfeld to be filling a need for the community.

To his knowledge there is no other such business in Toronto, or elsewhere in Canada. While there are museums in synagogues and other institutions, there are no commercial enterprises where one could buy, sell or have appraised ancient Jewish art. Until now, that is.

While Siedenfeld and his brother-in-law, Dr. Tom Kohn and their wives are financing the business, Rabbi Avraham Kubayov will actually be running it. A native of Jerusalem, Kubayov is also a mohel, who travelled through the Arab countries, performing ritual circumcisions in localities where there was no resident to do it.

During his travels, he was often given ancient artifacts that had been in the families for generations. Many of his contacts felt that this was the only way to preserve these items and to get them out to safety. The more he travelled and amassed, the more he learned.



This silver chanukiah is from 19th century Vienna.

Among the many unique items in the gallery, he considers the two rarest and most valuable a Torah from a synagogue in Iraq, and a Passover Haggadah, handmade on parchment, and, in his opinion, "the most beautiful in the world."

One of the services the gallery will provide is appraisals for insurance and inheritance purposes.

"Many people have no idea of the value of the things in their family," Seidenfeld said. "Until now they often had to go to the States or Israel to find out their true worth."

The value of Jewish art was one of the first topics covered by the guest speaker at the gallery's invitation-only opening.

Prof. Yitzchok Einhorn, who came from Tel Aviv especially for the event, opened his remarks by stating that "the main problem in collecting, not only Judaica but all art, is that the world is full of falsifications." He gave several examples of fakeries which even passed muster at the British Museum.

A prolific collector with a vast collection of Judaica, Einhorn emigrated to Israel at age 17 from his native Czechoslovakia and eventually earned Master's degrees in Hebrew literature and language and philosophy.

"Jewish traditional folk art was not art for art's sake," he said. "The silver and gold smiths and other craftsmen expressed their Jewish souls and the symbolism of their heritage through their craft. In time, the symbolism changed.

"We don't know what the menorah symbolized originally, while for us it now symbolizes the destruction of the Temple. Similarly, we don't really know the symbolism of many other artifacts."

Everything in the gallery is for sale, although from time to time, items will be there for exhibition. It was all purchased in the U.S. and Israel and will be augmented continually. The gallery will be open Sundays to Thursdays, 1-7 p.m. It is located on the second floor of 2991 Bathurst, two blocks south of Lawrence Ave.

Even two shrinks don't help play

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Beyond Therapy, running at the Alumnae Theatre until Dec. 17, has two psychiatrists, not one, but unfortunately it is not twice as funny because of it.

Comedies about people who get entangled with their psychiatrists came to the fore in the 60s and 70s. *Beyond Therapy* is of that genre and it looks and sounds dated.

By contrast, one of Joe Orton's plays "*What The Butler Saw*," which has a philandering psychiatrist, is still fresh today.

Bruce, who already has a man living with him (Bob), places a personal ad in the paper which brings in Prudence, a 30-ish, determinedly heterosexual magazine writer. Both Bruce and Prudence are seeing psychiatrists and are marginally involved with them.

Bruce's shrink, played by Margaret Lamarre, is the funniest person on stage, especially in the second act. Her wackiness is anchored in solid acting skills. Prudence's doctor, on the other hand, played by Costin Manu is larger than life and does not present a credible character.

Kevin Haxell as Bruce and Wendy Krekeler as Prudence both do well, although Wendy is the more believable of the two. Ken Murton in the role of Bob gives a strong performance and when he is on stage there seems to be more happening.

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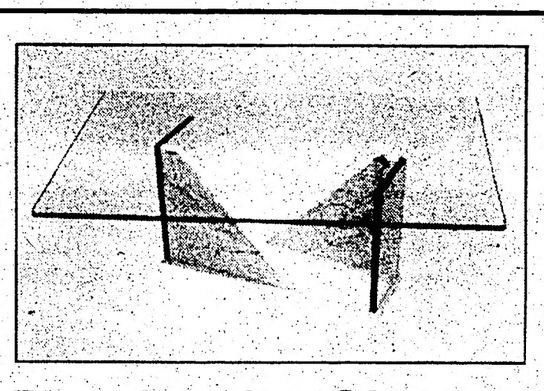

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Allenby Bridge an unusual crossing

By
BILL GLADSTONE

JERUSALEM —

It may be seen as a symbol of a benign occupation that when Israel captured the West Bank in 1967, she did not seal it off but kept open the bridge which is named after Lord Allenby, the commander-in-chief of the British forces in the area during World War I.

Today, the Allenby Bridge is routinely crossed by Jordanians, West Bank Arabs and foreign travellers wishing to go between Israel and Jordan, countries that have no official relations.

Until last year, when the intifada began, groups of travellers from Bible-belt America regularly arrived in Amman.

The Jordanian capital, just an hour's drive from the bridge, was seen as a convenient gateway to the Holy Land. On average, the Americans spent most of their time in Israel, and only one night each in Jordan.

Today, with the trouble in the West Bank, fewer tourists are using the bridge, according to both Israeli and Jordanian officials.

A taxi-ride from Jerusalem to the bridge takes about an hour, and costs about $45 (U.S.). If you plan to go by taxi, arrange in advance to get a driver with a pass to cross right to the edge of the Israeli frontier. Sheruts, or taxis shared by up to seven passengers, are considerably cheaper and leave daily from the Damascus Gate.

From Jerusalem, you descend the Judean wilderness into the Jordan Valley, and cross through ancient Jericho, the lowest town on earth.

A few miles further you reach an Israeli checkpoint where passports are checked. Beyond the checkpoint, at the Israeli frontier, there is a 1-storey customs house and a fortified lookout tower on a hill flying a Magen David.

Travellers and their luggage arriving at customs are searched, which may take several hours.

From there, four American dollars (1-½ Jordanian dinars) buys a seat on a shuttle bus which crosses the legendary Jordan over the Allenby Bridge, an anticlimactic experience lasting two seconds. The bridge is small and undistinguished, the river a mere brook which is easily fordable.

The Children of Israel, led by Joshua, first crossed into the Promised Land very near the present-day bridge. Today, their descendants are affected by numerous restrictions, most imposed by the Arab League, governing use of the bridge.

First, Jordan, unwilling to show tacit recognition of Israel, will not admit any Israeli, nor anyone whose passport bears an Israeli stamp.

To bypass this regulation, a visitor may simply ask the Israeli customs agent, upon entering Israel, not to stamp his or her passport. Instead, the official inserts a sheet into the passport which is removed when the traveller leaves.

Second, a visa or pass is required to cross the bridge. Neither is obtainable in Israel. A visa must be secured in the United States, Egypt or any country with a Jordanian consulate; a pass may be secured only in Amman.

Third, if you cross from Israel into Jordan, the Jordanians will not allow you to return to Israel. If you start in Jordan, however, you may make as many return crossings as you like.

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Clove, nutmeg, coffee, banana, fig and numerous large exotic trees abound in this setting. The gully boasts 200 species of tropical plants.

Back in the late 1800s, a descendant of General Williams, the original Welsh owner, planted a variety of fruit and spice trees in the gully, adding to its already prolific growth. For years the gully grew untended in a tangled profusion of greenery and vibrant colors.

Lush, exotic ravine, subterranean cave

In 1962 the Barbados National Trust officially opened Welchman's Hall Gully to the public. Today, visitors can take a leisurely stroll along the winding trails of this lush, cool, forest.

Another phenomenon of nature is Harrison's Cave. In this amazing subterranean cavern, stalagmites and stalactites in icicle-like formations are dramatically lit to bring out the brilliant colors and shapes of this natural wonder.

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Harrison's Cave, formed by the centuries-long movement of underground streams in limestone caves, was discovered in 1796. Incredibly, it was forgotten for over 200 years.

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Simple arithmetic solves tax question

The Readers Ask:

By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

Question: I am age 70 with about $150,000 in my RRSP. I am wondering if I would be better off to pay the tax and cash it in or buy a RRIF or an annuity? I will always be in the top income-tax bracket.

Answer: This question can be boiled down to a matter of arithmetic. If you cash in your RRSP, you will have to pay 44.66% tax, that is $66,990. Therefore, you will be left with $83,010. If you invest the $83,010 at 10½%, for instance, you will have a gross annual return of $8,716. After tax of $3,893, you will have $4,823 clear, spendable dollars.

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Question: I've recently bought a lot in the country for a cottage. How can I take the money I need to build out of my RRSP?

Answer: If your RRSPs are mature and available, you could cash them in, pay the tax and build your cottage. However, this may not be a practical or economical way to raise the funds.

Depending on your tax bracket, you could be paying 26.18% or 40.04% in tax for the money. If you are in the middle bracket, after removing say $40,000, the tax bill on it alone would come to $16,016.

The other thing you might consider is a mortgage to yourself from your RRSP. It is expensive to set up and usually is not worth while unless the amount is fairly high, but it can be done.

Question: For many years I felt that I was being overtaxed by our government. Now that I am retiring, they want to tax my RRSPs if I cash them in. Is this fair? Is there any way I can get around paying tax on my money a second time?

Answer: Let's make one thing very clear — you are not being taxed a second time. When you opened your RRSP, you hired a trustee to handle the monies for you and for the government of Canada because no tax was ever paid on these monies. Therefore tax is still due. In addition, the earnings on your money in the RRSPs were not taxed either. Therefore, the amount of money you now have is much larger than it could have been had it been taxed.

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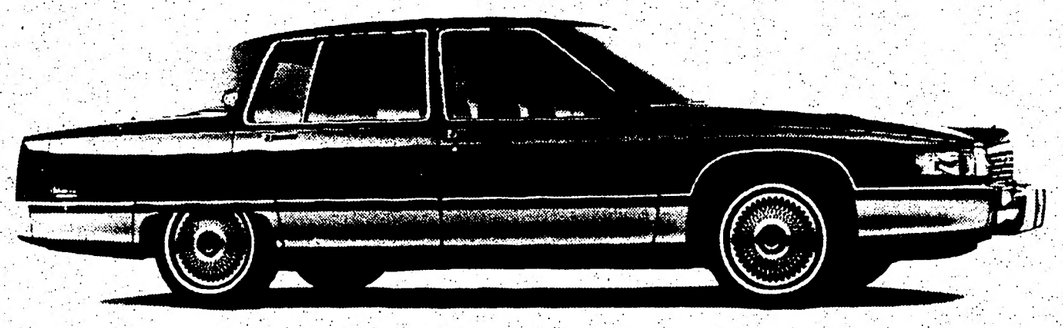

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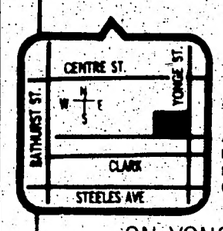

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Business Outlook

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Winter day-camp launched

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"Kids today are very stressed out — they go to classes and extra-curricular activities and rarely have an opportunity to relax," said Adam (Fusser) Fine, a winter day-camp director.

To provide activities filled with fun and relaxation, Fine has begun Fun with Fusser, which operates weekends and during school-break holidays.

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His father, Bert Fine, has been involved with camping since 1937. He founded and operated North York's spacious Forest Valley Day camp since the summer of 1956.

The elder Fine, who now is the camp's consultant, involved his children in every aspect of camping. Daughter Jennifer is the director of the summer day camp.

Fun with Fusser will expand its winter and spring programs this season to accommodate 60 campers in each session, the younger Fine said.

Located at Forest Valley Day Camp, north of Sheppard Ave., between Bathurst and Dufferin, the camp accepts children from 4 to 12 years of age. The active young director says that the campers are grouped by age and grade level.

"Our counsellors are friendly, enthusiastic and extremely capable. I am a firm believer that 'small is better' and the ratio of campers to staff assures this feeling of small — and caring."

He notes that in many ways, Fun with Fusser is like a summer camp, "except the weather is a little bit colder and we don't offer swimming."

The buildings are winterized, and weather permitting, there are numerous outdoor activities. He says his camp's activities and special events include arts and crafts, co-operative games, hockey, skating, gymnastics, ceramics, woodworking, cook-outs and overnights.

"Most children love camp, just as I do. We make it our business to know what children like and what they don't like, and we have designed our program accordingly.

"My intention is to provide a program where children have good old fun — a little less structured, not so rushed and a lot less competitive!"

Fine, a business graduate of Boston University, joined the fulltime staff at Forest Valley Day Camp three years ago. Presently, he is taking courses at York University, working towards a Masters degree in psychology.

Despite his busy schedule, the enthusiastic camp director has volunteered his time at many community organizations including Variety Village, Mount Sinai Hospital, Reena Foundation, Forest Hill Hockey Association, S.P.R.I.N.T. (Senior People's Resources in North Toronto) and at Jane Junior High School's guidance department.

"We have had open houses on two consecutive Sundays," says Adam, "and they were great. There's a lot of enthusiasm about our newest winter camping program.

For more information on the programs at Fun with Fusser and registration, call (416) 630-5527, or write to Fun with Fusser, 60 Blue Forest Dr., Downsview, Ont. M3H 4W5.

Frozen meat ban urged by Israeli cattle breeders

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

Israel's cattle breeders, hard hit by a slump in demand for fresh meat since the Palestinian uprising erupted, have called on the government to come to their rescue.

At an emergency meeting of the Israel Cattle Breeders Association, chairman Daniel Peri urged the government to provide the farmers with a loan to enable them to sell the large surplus of cattle now in the market without incurring losses.

In addition, he proposed that imports of frozen meat, which have also hurt local production, be halted until the problems facing the industry are resolved.

Accordig to Peri, Palestinians in the territories had accounted for about 30% of local fresh-meat consumption. Since the start of the intifada almost a year ago, he said, the price of a kilogram of fresh meat dropped from 4.40 shekels to under 3 shekels, because of a surplus of some 4,000-5,000 cattle in the market.

The country's cattle breeders relied on the markets of the territories in particular for certain parts of the cow that are not usually considered kosher here. But one speaker pointed out that these same parts do in fact receive a certificate of kashrut when they are imported. Imports of frozen meat currently account for about 60% of meat consumption in Israel, Perl noted.

In response, agriculture ministry director-general Meir Shamir said the Treasury had agreed to lend the cattle breeders 2 million shekels as an interim measure to help them overcome their marketing problems. But he warned there was little chance it would agree to reinstate subsidies on frozen meat.

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HOUSE FOR RENT — JAN. 1 Eglinton/Marlee Ave., walking distance to TTC. Freshly painted, laundry facilities, blinds, appliances and parking. Upper - fireplace, 2 bdrm - $950. Bsmt bright lots of windows, sep. entrance - new - $650 or entire home $1,600. Call Rhonda, 222-5276, leave message.

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6 Condominiums For Rent

Conservatory - Clark/Hilda - 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 5 appliances. $1,150. 752-2282, 764-7674.

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Bathurst-Finch. 2 bdrms., 2 bths/real marble. 6 top-of-the-line new appls., central vac, window coverings, 24 hr. video security, TTC, short/long lease. $1,350. 630-2444, 630-9919.

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9 Accommodation Available

Bathurst/Centre - Room in house, share bath, kitchen facilities, female non-smoker. 731-1756.

10 Accommodation Wanted

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Apartment needed by Jewish woman, 1 bedroom, furnished, Bathurst/Lawrence - Finch. Non-smoker, responsible, good-paying tenant. 598-0476.

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12 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/St. Clair - Luxury renovated 2 bedroom apartment, fireplace, dishwasher, underground parking, $1,200/month incl. Jan. 1. 221-0279.

12 Apartments For Rent

Basement apartment, separate entrance. Yonge/Steeles. Female preferred. Available immediately. 222-4685, 736-8586 evenings.

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Rita Kroll on Nov. 26/88, late of 51 Tofino Cres.
Beatie Robinson on Nov. 27/88, late of 642 Sheppard Ave. E. #2015.
Frank Farber on Nov. 29/88, late of 561 Avenue Road #205.
Pesla Weisleder on Nov. 29/88, late of 21 Garthdale Court.
Anna Verdlotskaya on Nov. 28/88, late of 6091 Bathurst Street #512.
David Stock on Nov. 29/88, late of 4000 Yonge Street #429.
Melvin Lupu on Nov. 29/88, late of 2545 Bloor St. W. #307.
Irving Albert on Nov. 30/88, late of 400 Walmer Road #2212 W. Tower.
William Meister on Dec. 1/88, late of 3575 Bathurst Street #707.
Beatrice Buchin on Dec. 2/88, late of 69 Plum Treeway.
Regina Kirstein on Dec. 1/88, late of 130 Neptune Drive #705.
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Adler, Eta on December 1, 1988, late of 183 Pannahill Road.
Angel, Pearl on December 1, 1988, late of 690 Euclid Avenue.
Elkin, Lilian on November 24, 1988.
Hartman, Joseph on November 28, 1988, late of 450 Walmer Rd., #912.
Jacobs, Esther on November 29, 1988, late of 117 Rodeo Drive.
Manishevitz, Jack on December 4, 1988, late of 640 Roselawn Ave., #418.
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Rotenberg, Mitchell on November 26, 1988.
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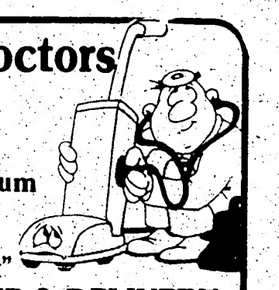

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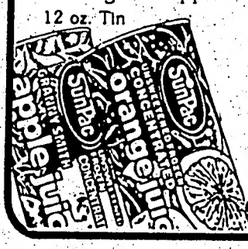

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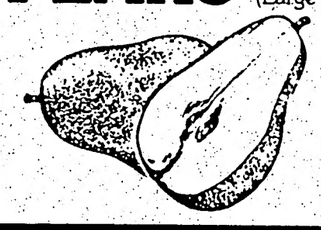

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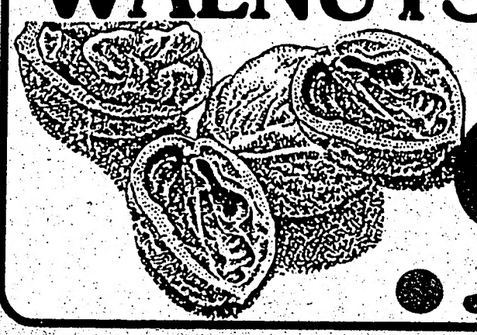

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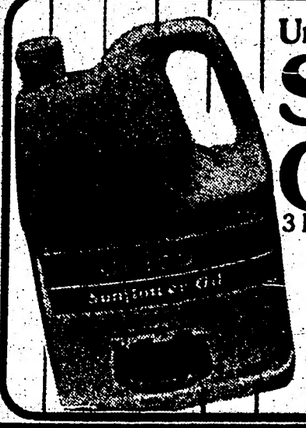
.89 Ctn.

Product of Greece
STRING FIGS
397 g. Pkg.
Limit 3 Pkgs. Per Family
.99 Pkg.

Unico
SUNFLOWER OIL
3 Litre Jug
Limit 2 Jugs Per Family
3.99 Jug



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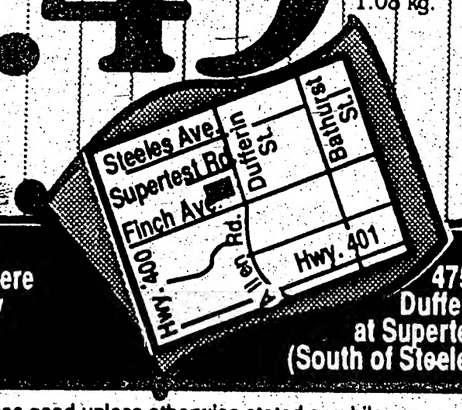
TOMATOES (Size 6 x 7)
.49 lb./ 1.08 kg.



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